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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ROCKLAND EXPOSITION, INC.

Plaintiff,

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ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE PROVIDERS OF NEW JERSEY, TOM ELDER, THOMAS GRECO, THOMAS GRECO PUBLISHING, INC. and GLENN VILLACARI

Defendants.

Case No.

JUDGE KARAS

COMPLAINT

JURY DEMANDED



COMPLAINT

The Parties

- Plaintiff Rockland Exposition, Inc., was and is a corporation of the State of New York with a place of business at 388 East Main Street, Middletown, NY 10940 (REI).
- 2. Defendant Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of New Jersey is a corporation of the State of New Jersey having offices at 3633 State Route 33, Post Office Box 734, Neptune,

New Jersey 07753 (AASP-NJ). AASP-NJ is a trade association of collision repair shops principally located in the State of New Jersey.

- 3. Defendant Tom Elder (Elder) is an individual with a place of business at Compact Kars, Inc., 3 Trenton Lakewood Road, Clarksburg, New Jersey 08510 and is president of the Board of Directors of AASP-NJ and, in this capacity, is directly responsible for the wrongful acts set forth herein.
- Defendant Thomas Greco Publishing, Inc. (TGP) is, upon information and belief, a corporation of the State of New Jersey with a place of business at 244 Chestnut Street, Suite 202, Nutley, NJ 07110.
- 5. Defendant Thomas Greco (Greco) is an individual with a place of business at 244 Chestnut Street, Suite 202, Nutley, NJ 07110, is, upon information and belief, president of Defendant TPG and a member of the Board of Directors of AASP-NJ and, in these capacities, is directly responsible for the wrongful acts set forth herein.
- 6. Defendant Glenn Villacari (Villacari) is an individual with a place of business at 95 Park Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110 and is a member of the Board of Directors of AASP-NJ and, in this capacity, is directly responsible for the wrongful acts set forth herein.

Jurisdictional Statement

- 7. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1338(a), (b), 17 U.S.C. §§ 501-509 and 15 U.S.C. §1114, 1116 1118, 1121 and 1125(a), and the Court's pendent jurisdiction.
- 8. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1400 in that Defendants do business in this District and this is an action arising under the Copyright Act of the United States.

Allegations Relevant To All Claims

- 9. Since 1974, Plaintiff REI and its predecessor and related companies have been in the business of running trade shows in such venues as the 100,000 square foot Field House of Rockland Community College, Suffern, New York. Most of these shows have an automotive theme.
- 10. In 1983, REI began, and has continuously thereafter, identified many of its automotive trade shows with the trademark **NORTHEAST**. (Exemplars of flyers for three different shows are attached as **Exhibit A**).
- 11. From 1983 to the present REI advertises and provides the **NORTHEAST** RV SHOW annually.
- 12. From 1984 to the present REI advertises and provides the **NORTHEAST** RV SHOW'S FALL RV MARKETPLACE annually.

- From 1983 through 1993 REI presented the NORTHEAST TRUCK SHOW annually.
- 14. From 1987 through 1992 REI presented the **NORTHEAST** TOW TRUCK SHOW annually.
- 15. From 1991 through 1992 REI presented the CRUZIN THE **NORTHEAST** (a custom car show) annually.
- 16. From 1991 through to the present, REI presents **NORTHEAST** REGIONAL AUTOBODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW.
- 17. The public has come to identify **NORTHEAST** as synonymous with the services provided by Plaintiff REI.
- 18. REI has at all times been the sole and exclusive presenter of these shows and maintains exclusive control of the quality of the services identified by the trademarks **NORTHEAST** for automotive trade shows, including, but not limited to, exclusive control of advertising, engagement of support staff, exhibitor installation, and the like. As with other trade shows, REI invites interested parties to sponsor the events but such sponsors exercise no control over the decisions and conduct of the show.
- 19. REI widely advertises and promotes its **NORTHEAST** trade shows. As a consequence, REI's **NORTHEAST** shows (76 to date) have earned a gross amount of over \$13,000,000.00 since 1983.

20. The common practice of many trade shows, including REI's trade shows, is to have trade association involvement.

Defendant AASP-NJ Contracts with REI:

- 21. In or about April 1989, REI visited the Auto Congress and Trade Show (ACTS-'89) held at a Sheraton Hotel near the Meadowlands, New Jersey.
- 22. ACTS was a trade show exhibiting the wares and vendors of automotive collision repair shops.
- 23. Upon information and belief, ACTS was organized and run by Automotive Show's Inc., and the Automotive Service Association of New Jersey ASA-NJ was the sponsor. ASA-NJ is a predecessor of Defendant AASP-NJ. (As Defendant AASP-NJ has changed its name several times, to avoid confusion, we will refer to it herein as AASP-NJ, but such reference shall apply to all name permutations.)
- 24. By far, the dominant exhibitors were vendors to the collision repair stores because Defendant AASP-NJ was and is known as a repair trade association of collision repair shops in New Jersey.
- 25. REI sought and received AASP-NJ's endorsement to run an ACTS show in Suffern, New York in 1990. AASP-NJ's sponsorship was sought so its members would be encouraged to attend.

- 26. Under REI's exclusive direction and control, vendors' accommodations were improved over the prior show in the Meadowlands. In the 1990 show all vendors were accommodated in the Rockland Community College Field House. In prior years in ACTS, many vendors were forced to display their wares in a parking garage subject to temporary lighting, poor heat, and wind. Other exhibitors were forced to display in outer hallways near the hotel ballroom.
- 27. So limited were facilities before REI ran the ACTS show, it was primarily a "table top" event because there was no room or clearance for full size displays. Thus, rather than a full-fledged trade show, meant to generate business for the vendors, ACTS was little more than a social gathering for AASP-NJ members (e.g., annual dinner, awards and a party).
- 28. The size of the ACTS '89 event in the Meadowlands in 1989 was 140 booths with 80 vendors and approximately 500-600 actual attendees.
- 29. REI, using its superior organizational abilities, advertising, and promotional skills, planned to produce an enlarged event drawing attendees and exhibitors from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and surrounding states to the geographically central location of Suffern, New York.
- 30. Based upon REI's success in running its similar **NORTHEAST** trade shows, AASP-NJ entered a contract with REI that provided that REI would run the show and AASP-NJ would act as sponsor for 1990 (See Contract attached as **Exhibit B**).

- 31. REI has and had developed, at significant expense and effort, exhibitor and attendee mailing lists, including automotive tool and equipment suppliers, from REI'S other automotive shows ("Lists"). Under the contract with AASP-NJ, REI agreed to use these lists in REI's promotion of the ACT show provided AASP-NJ agreed that these lists were the exclusive property of REI.
- 32. As part of its services, REI supplies all of its own support equipment (e.g., pipe/drape, tables, chairs, carpet, electrical, road signs, registration). As set forth in the written contract, REI controlled and controls all phases of its show. REI provided Defendants with detailed monthly progress reports.
- 33. REI directed that AASP-NJ could run the AASP-NJ annual dinner at a nearby hotel on the same weekend as the **NORTHEAST** REGIONAL AUTOBODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW trade show, but prohibited AASP-NJ from the conduct of the dinner or any other events during any of the show operating hours.
- 34. REI also directed that it, REI, would (and does) make the final decisions on all seminar and related speakers AASP-NJ might want to invite to the show to prevent exhibitor conflicts.
- 35. REI and AASP-NJ's contract (**Exhibit B**) was for a one year period for REI's performance of the two day ACTS show in 1990. The contract provided that AASP-NJ would have

to decide within 45 days after the 1990 ACTS event if it wanted to renew the contract for the following year.

- 36. The Board of Directors of AASP-NJ sent the contract to their attorney for review and then voted 9-1 to accept the contract with REI.
- 37. REI was advised that the sole opposing vote was by AASP-NJ's Executive Director because the Executive Director of AASP-NJ had always overseen the entire event and he did not want to give up control to REI. Shortly after entering the contract with REI, AASP-NJ's Executive Director retired.
- 38. When REI ran the ACTS show, it substantially increased revenues over the prior years. Booth exhibits increased by over 57%. The number of vendors increased by over 27%. Attendance grew by 40% with an audience drawn from the entire northeast.
- 39. With REI running its show with AASP-NJ as a sponsor, the income provided to AASP-NJ doubled from that which was earned from the AASP-NJ ACTS event in 1989.
 - 40. For the 1991 show, REI increased the length of the show from two to three days.
- 41. REI also changed the name of the 1991 show to **NORTHEAST**, so that the show would be identified as one of REI's family of marks and so that the show would have the good will of REI's **NORTHEAST** family of trademarks.
- 42. From the 1991 show onward, the show was and is presented under the trademark:

 NORTHEAST REGIONAL AUTOBODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW.

- 43. This type of trade show requires a long lead time and requires a large office commitment by Plaintiff REI.
- 44. REI advised AASP-NJ that if AASP-NJ wished to continue as sponsor, REI required a two-year automatically renewable contract with a deposit for both the 1991 and 1992 events.
- 45. AASP-NJ sent the contract to their lawyer for review and approval and then agreed to the change in the contract terms by signing and returning the contracts with the deposits.
- 46. In 1991, REI ran six different NORTHEAST shows engaging the facilities of the Rockland Community College Field House in Suffern, New York. These shows were: Cruzin' the NORTHEAST Custom Car Show; NORTHEAST RV Show; NORTHEAST RV Fall Caper; NORTHEAST Truck Show; NORTHEAST Tow Truck Show; and the show sponsored by Defendants: NORTHEAST Regional Autobody/Automotive Trade Show.
- 47. By implementing these changes, the **NORTHEAST** REGIONAL AUTOBODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW increased in size over the ACTS show in 1990 by over 17%. The number of vendors increased by more than 13%.
- 48. For each show, following the 1991 show, Defendant entered a written contract for a two year period on the same terms. Thus, in 1991, AASP-NJ signed a contract for the years 1992 and 1993 and paid the 1993 deposit. (1992's deposit was already paid after the 1990 event.)
- 49. On information and belief, the amount of money paid to AASP-NJ from its sponsorship in preceding years was principally responsible for making AASP-NJ so financially

strong as to enable it to heavily promote its services to potential membership throughout the State of New Jersey, adding a paid executive director with a car and benefits, hiring lobbyists and establishing a hotline for members.

- 50. From 1993 to 1999 REI substantially increased the size of its show. Exhibitors doubled from 80 to 160. Display booths were increased from 140 booth to 442 booths. Attendance increased from 600 to 4,500 attendees, now being drawn from the entire northeastern United States.
- 51. In 2002, as a consequence of new environmental laws and consolidation in the automotive repair industry, there were less exhibitors, and attendance dropped off.
- 52. In 2004, AASP-NJ once again contracted to be a sponsor for the 2005 and 2006 shows (Exhibit C). This contract continued all of the terms and conditions of the previous contracts, including the automatic renewal clause.
 - 53. In 2007, Defendants paid their deposit for the 2009 show.
- 54. Each year REI provided Defendants with a copy of REI's exhibitor lists on a confidential basis so that AASP-NJ could sell advertising space for an issue of AASP-NJ's in-house magazine to be distributed at the show.
- 55. The contracts between REI and Defendants recites that these lists are the exclusive property of REI. (Exhibit C at p.1, ¶5).

56. REI ran its 2008 NORTHEAST REGIONAL AUTOBODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW and AASP-NJ was the sponsor.

Defendant's Wrongful Conduct

- 57. On March 18, 2008, one week before the move-in for the 2008 event in Suffern, New York, REI received a telephone call from Defendant Villacari. Defendant Villacari advised REI that AASP-NJ had decided to go "in a different direction for 2009."
- 58. The oral advice was a direct breach of the terms of the contract between REI and Defendants.
- 59. On March 20, 2008, Defendants e-mailed a request for attendee badges for the sales and management staff of a competitor, the Meadowlands Expo Center.
- 60. REI objected and refused because the Meadowlands Expo Center staff are competitors and this was an obvious attempt to solicit the vendors and exhibitors at the 2008 event and reminded AASP-NJ that there was a no solicitation policy in place, and that this policy extended to the Meadowlands' staff.
- 61. On March 25, 2008, set-up day for the Suffern NORTHEAST REGIONAL AUTOBODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW show, REI faxed Defendant AASP-NJ a request for written confirmation of Defendants' decision that Defendants did not wish to participate or sponsor the NORTHEAST REGIONAL AUTOBODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW in 2009 (Exhibit D).

- 62. REI advised AASP-NJ that it will be running the 2009 event in Suffern for the tentative dates in March, 2009, and that AASP-NJ had paid its deposit to participate in that event.
- 63. On March 26, 2008, AASP-NJ mailed out a press release to REI's confidential exhibitor list and then e-mailed REI's confidential exhibitor list, announcing that it was "moving its event" to the Meadowlands for 2009 (Press release and e-mail attached hereto as **Exhibit D**) thereby breaching the contract (**Exhibit E**).
- 64. Most members of Defendants' AASP-NJ Trade Show Committee, including Committee Members who were trade show exhibitors, denied any knowledge or notice of this change and were only advised when they received the press release.
- 65. On March 27, 2008, (large vendor equipment move-in day for the 2008 NORTHEAST REGIONAL AUTOBODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW) REI received a letter from AASP-NJ, by its attorney, threatening REI not to "interfere" with AASP-NJ's 2009 event and unilaterally advising REI that AASP-NJ's contract with REI has ended (Exhibit F).
- 66. On March 28, 2008, the first day of 2008 event, confusion begins as the exhibitors ask REI why it was moving its show to the Meadowlands.
- 67. AASP-NJ and the staff from the Meadowlands solicited exhibitors at the Exhibitor's Headquarters at the hotel the evening following the first day of the show. AASP-NJ's conference journal include a full page four-color advertisement for the Meadowlands in 2009 using the

infringing NORTHEAST trademark. AASP-NJ's journal lists April 3-5, 2009, as the dates of its infringing 2009 show.

- any other related expositions four months prior or four months subsequent to the latest contracted exposition. (See Exhibit C at p.3, ¶1) The latest contracted exposition is the 2009 show for which AASP-NJ paid its deposit. Therefore, this limitation applied to the four months prior and subsequent to the 2009 show. In other words, Defendants were prohibited by the contract from engaging in these activities until the end of July, 2009. However, Defendants breached this agreement by getting involved in and endorsing the 2009 show at the Meadowlands prior to and subsequent to the 2008 show.
 - 69. REI's 2009 show is scheduled for March 20-22, 2009.
- 70. Meadowlands' staff advised exhibitors at the 2008 show, that the AASP-NJ show will be March 20-22, 2009, wilfully causing further confusion.
- 71. On March 29, 2008, the second day of the NORTHEAST REGIONAL AUTOBODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW, Meadowlands' staff attended the show and visited exhibitors individually with AASP-NJ with Defendants Villacari and Elder. Despite REI's demands that such solicitation cease, Defendants and Meadowlands' staff walked the exhibit floor soliciting for the Meadowlands event.

- 72. Defendants, upon information and belief, intentionally led exhibitors to the false conclusion that REI was going to be involved with the Meadowland's show. Upon information and belief, Defendants purposefully mislead exhibitors into believing that REI was still involved in order to palm off the AASP-NJ event as that of REI.
- 73. REI gave Defendant Villacari a copy of the REI report page showing that Defendant AASP-NJ had paid its deposit for the **NORTHEAST REGIONAL** AUTOBODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW in 2009 and, therefore, was contractually bound to sponsor REI's **NORTHEAST** REGIONAL AUTOBODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW 2009.
- 74. Defendant Villacari admitted that Defendant AASP-NJ was bound and stated that "it was too late."
- 75. On March 30, 2008, the last day of the show, the larger exhibitors told REI that they did not want to move to the Meadowlands because of the cost.
- The Under the contract (Exhibit C at p.2, ¶6), termination of the contractual relations between Defendant AASP-NJ and REI requires notification within 45 days of the end of the prior years show and does not take effect until after the next contracted show. The notice of attempted termination was not sent in mid-April, 2007, as required under the contract to terminate the 2009 show. Instead, Defendant AASP-NJ paid the deposit for the 2009 show, indicating AASP-NJ's acceptance of the contract to continue to run the 2009 show. An attempted termination was not made until after the deposit was paid and REI had made a commitment for the 2009 show.

- 77. REI maintains an exhibitor prospect mailing list. Defendants have not been authorized and have been improperly using REI's "significant exhibitor prospect mailing list" which they agreed under the contract is the exclusive property of REI. (Exhibit C at p.1 ¶5)
- 78. On or about the end of March, 2008, Defendants infringed upon Plaintiff's trademark **NORTHEAST** in advertising and in press releases to identify its competing 2009 trade show.
 - 79. REI's exhibitors expressed confusion over the competing trade shows.
- 80. Defendants have knowingly and purposefully diverted significant business from REI by infringing REI's **NORTHEAST** trademark and by palming off their show as that of REI by use of REI's **NORTHEAST** trademark as its own and by the improper use of REI's trade secret protected exhibitor prospect mailing list.
- 81. To date, at least one exhibitor has cancelled its contract with REI and asked for a refund so that it can exhibit in Defendants' show and two other exhibitors have expressed that they were likely to cancel their contracts, as well. No large exhibitors (i.e., those taking large display booths) have signed with either show arising out of the confusion caused by Defendants' wrongful acts.
- 82. Over the years, REI created many original advertising brochures. On or about the end of April, 2008, Defendants began to copy and distribute advertising materials which improperly incorporates identical copies of the text and layout of significant portions of three of

Plaintiff's copyrighted brochures. (See Plaintiff's Brochures attached as **Exhibits G, H**, and **I**, and Defendants' infringing advertising materials attached as **Exhibit J**.)

- Public falsely claiming ownership of the **NORTHEAST** trademark, claiming to have used the **NORTHEAST** trademark for 32 years, and claiming to have brought suit against REI for running a competing trade show, for trademark infringement of REI's own **NORTHEAST** trademark, and for improperly using confidential information.
- 84. On information and belief, Defendants ran a press release in CollisionWeek falsely presented as a reported article. (Exhibit K) This press release was run in the form of an interview with AASP-NJ President, Defendant Elder, on April 21, 2008. In this "interview," Defendants falsely allege:
 - a. That it was the Defendants who had begun to look for new space when they outgrew the Sheraton at the Meadowlands. As set forth above, it was REI which approached Defendants to offer its services to run a more successful show. Defendants' statement was made with knowledge of its falsity, and with reckless disregard for the truth, in a calculated effort to diminish the value of REI's services in the eyes of the trade and the public.
 - That AASP-NJ was responsible, through its persistence, for the growth of the show.
 In fact, AASP-NJ, upon contracting with REI to run the trade show, allowed REI

to do everything and REI is the party that was responsible for the growth of the show. This false statement was made in an effort to make Plaintiff REI appear to be less qualified, and less responsible for the success of the trade show. Defendants' statements were made with knowledge of their falsity and with reckless disregard for the truth, in a calculated effort to diminish the value of REI's services in the eyes of the trade and the public.

c. That in the first year that REI ran the trade show, it was only moderately more successful than in the previous year when Defendants had Automotive Show, Inc. run the trade show. In order to send this point home, Defendants allege that there were merely "about 10 more vendors" that year and that Defendants were concerned. In fact, in the first year of REI running the show, the number of vendors increased from 80 to 102, an increase of 22 vendors and a 27% increase. The number of sold booths went from 140 to 220, an increase of 80 booths or a 57% increase. And, attendance rose by 40% and drew an audience from the entire northeast. Most importantly, AASP-NJ doubled the money it received from the 1989 event. Due to these improvements, Defendants were not concerned at all, they were, instead, elated by REI's performance. Defendants' statement was made with knowledge of its falsity and with reckless disregard for the truth, in a calculated effort to diminish the value of REI's services in the eyes of the trade and the public.

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- That AASP-NJ requested REI to provide a new marketing strategy and, when REI was only able to come up with "some minor changes," and only in the "same venue with the same approach," this proved "unacceptable to AASP-NJ and to [its] vendors." In fact, Defendants only requested that REI figure out how to drop its printing and postage costs by \$25,000. REI presented ways to decrease this fee, but could not possibly cut it by the requested amount. Additionally, at the very meeting where REI presented its ideas, Defendants paid REI the deposit for the 2009 show, contractually committing AASP-NJ to the 2009 show. Defendants' statements were made with knowledge of their falsity and with reckless disregard for the truth, in a calculated effort to diminish the value of REI's services in the eyes of the trade and the public.
- e. That "AASP-NJ's NORTHEAST Automotive Trade Show is the only show with a 32-year history of strong industry sponsorship and support." And that "AASP-NJ has been giving back to the industry through the NORTHEAST show for 32 years." As set forth above, when REI began to run the trade show, 19 years ago, it was named ACTS '89. REI was responsible for changing the name so as to benefit from REI's NORTHEAST family of marks. NORTHEAST was only used since 1991, 18 years, not 32 years, and it was never used by AASP-NJ in any way, to identify itself or its services. Defendants' statements were made with knowledge of their

falsity and with reckless disregard for the truth, in a calculated effort to diminish the value of REI's services in the eyes of the trade and the public.

- 85. Also, in that April 21, 2008, press release (**Exhibit K**), Defendants confirm that Defendant TGP is knowingly promoting the infringing use of **NORTHEAST** in its publications.
- 86. On information and belief, another press release made to appear as a reported article, was published in CollisionWeek on May 27, 2008 (attached hereto as **Exhibit L**) This press release refers to Defendant AASP-NJ's "new web presence." Defendants falsely state in this article that "[T]his forward-thinking type of site is what AASP-NJ has been attempting to get from our show producers for the last decade. Although it took some serious changes to get to where we wanted to go, I think one look at the website justifies everything." In fact, Defendants never asked anything of the sort from REI, and simply and happily collected the money that REI earned in its successful shows. Defendants could have instituted its own website at any time, but never did. REI's services were solely to run a trade show, not run AASP-NJ's business or website. Defendants' statements were made with knowledge of their falsity and with reckless disregard for the truth, in a calculated effort to diminish the value of REI's services in the eyes of the trade and the public.
- 87. On information and belief, a press release made to appear as a reported article, was published in CollisionWeek, on June 27, 2008 (attached hereto as **Exhibit M**). In that press release, Defendants represent again that "AASP-NJ has been sponsoring the NORTHEAST show

for over 30 years." As set forth above, NORTHEAST was first used in 1991, eighteen years ago, and NORTHEAST was never used by AASP-NJ as a trademark in any way. NORTHEAST is a part of REI's family of NORTHEAST trademarks. Defendants' statements were made with knowledge of their falsity and with reckless disregard for the truth, in a calculated effort to diminish the value of REI's services in the eyes of the trade and the public.

- 88. Defendants admit that **NORTHEAST** is a trademark. In AASP-NJ's letter of March 27, 2008, Defendant AASP-NJ accused Plaintiff REI that REI's use of NORTHEAST is "misleading" and "confusing" (Exhibit F).
- On March 31, 2008, Defendant AASP-NJ wrote another letter, by its attorney, 89. repeating the same accusations (**Exhibit N**).
- On May 20, 2008, Defendant AASP-NJ wrote Plaintiff once again demanding that 90. Plaintiff cease using Plaintiff's Northeast Regional 2009 Trade Show."
- 91. On June 9, 2008, Plaintiff, by its counsel, wrote to Defendants advising, among other claims that Defendants were (a) infringing upon its copyright in advertising; (b) infringing upon Plaintiff REI's trademark rights in NORTHEAST, (c) breached its contract with Plaintiff, and (d) are unlawfully using REI's trade secrets.
- REI also gave notice to Defendants that it was going to start a law suit against them. 92. Specifically, REI stated:

Unless we receive word, in writing, from AASP-NJ within two (2) weeks of the date of this e-mailed, confirmation by certified mail, return receipt requested, letter,

acknowledging that all commercial activities with regard to AASP-NJ's and its Board Members' use of NORTHEAST and our clients' copyrighted works has been halted, and that we shall be immediately provided with a full accounting, we will be forced to take further legal action to insure that our client's exclusive rights and contracts are respected. In commencing this action, we will seek, among other causes of action, trademark infringement, copyright infringement, theft of trade secrets, tortious interference with contractual relations, tortious interference with business relations, and breach of contract. The action shall be commenced in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. At that time we will make an application for a temporary restraining order. We expect to commence this action in or about July 7, 2008, in the United States Courthouse at 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, New York 10601-4150 . As this date approaches, we will advise you of the specific date and time we plan to approach the court. AASP, AASP-NJ, and its Board of Directors are further cautioned that any attempt to commence an action in another jurisdiction is considered forum shopping for which additional relief shall be sought. (emphasis added) (Exhibit O)

- 93. On June 25, 2008, Defendant AASP-NJ, by its attorney, wrote REI stating that it had just received Plaintiff's letter of June 9, 2008, and required a few days to address this letter. (Exhibit P)
- 94. Instead, Defendants falsely mislead Plaintiff and then filed a "strike suit" by commencing an action the very next day in the United States District of New Jersey, thereby forum shopping, even though they were cautioned not to do so.
- 95. Defendant AASP-NJ's forum shopping strike suit comprises a 14 page complaint against Plaintiff and its president which, on information and belief, had been in long preparation. (Exhibit Q).
- Then, on June 27, 2008, after Defendants filed their complaint (Exhibit Q), 96. Defendant sent a letter, by its attorney, purporting to respond to Plaintiff's letter of June 9, 2008,

and demanding that Plaintiff refund AASP-NJ's deposit (thereby admitting its breach of contract), and making the outrageous demand that REI turn over REI's proprietary lists of exhibitors and attendees, lists which Defendants have contractually admitted belong to REI. (Exhibit R)

- Plaintiff, promptly upon learning of the copyright infringements by Defendants, 97. located the original works and filed, on a Special Handling basis, applications for Copyright Registration of its works so that it could commence this action.
- Upon applying for these registrations, Plaintiff promptly authorized the preparation 98. of this action.

COUNT ONE (Copyright Infringement)

- This Count arises out of the occurrences as set forth hereinabove and hereinafter and 99. is directly related to the counts for copyright infringement under 17 U.S.C. §101, et seq.
- Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of ¶¶ 1 through 99 as if set forth 100. herein.
- Plaintiff is the owner of all right, title and interest in the copyright of the advertising 101. brochure ("Brochure 1" - Exhibit G) identified on Certificate of Copyright Registration No. VA 1-635-656. (**Exhibit S**)
- Defendants have knowingly and willfully violated Plaintiff's copyright by continuing 102. to copy and distribute their infringing advertising (i.e., their Work) without license or authority to do so.

- By reason of Defendants' past infringement and continued infringement Plaintiff has 103. sustained and will continue to sustain substantial injury, loss and damages to its ownership rights in Brochure 1.
- Defendants have been copying, distributing and otherwise using their Work to 104. market its trade show and have thereby been engaging in unfair trade practices and unfair competition against Plaintiff causing Plaintiff irreparable injury.
- Unless Defendants are restrained from further copying, reproducing, and using 105. Brochure 1 and enjoined to remove and destroy any infringing copies taken from Brochure 1, Defendants shall continue to cause injury to the business reputation of Plaintiff by said infringement of Plaintiff's copyright and by Defendants unfairly competing with Plaintiff
- Plaintiff has suffered irreparable harm and there is no adequate remedy at law for 106. the future injuries and damage as a result of the Defendants' copyright infringements and Plaintiff is suffering monetary damages in an amount not thus far determined. The aforesaid acts of Defendant have been and are likely to cause damage to Plaintiff in an amount not presently known but believed to be in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

COUNT TWO (Copyright Infringement)

This Count arises out of the occurrences as set forth hereinabove and hereinafter and 107. is directly related to the counts for copyright infringement under 17 U.S.C. §101, et seq.

- Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of ¶¶ 1 through 107 as if set forth 108. herein.
- Plaintiff is the owner of all right, title and interest in the copyright of the advertising 109. brochure ("Brochure 2" - Exhibit H) identified on Certificate of Copyright Registration No. VA 1-635-674. (**Exhibit T**)
- Defendants have knowingly and willfully violated Plaintiff's copyright by continuing 110. to copy and distribute Brochure 2 without license or authority to do so.
- By reason of Defendants' past infringement and continued infringement Plaintiff has 111. sustained and will continue to sustain substantial injury, loss and damages to its ownership rights in Brochure 2.
- Defendants have been copying, distributing and otherwise using their Work to market its trade show and have thereby been engaging in unfair trade practices and unfair competition against Plaintiff causing Plaintiff irreparable injury.
- Unless Defendants are restrained from further copying, reproducing, and using 113. Brochure 1 and enjoined to remove and destroy any infringing copies taken from Brochure 2, Defendants shall continue to cause injury to the business reputation of Plaintiff by said infringement of Plaintiff's copyright and by Defendants unfairly competing with Plaintiff
- Plaintiff has suffered irreparable harm and there is no adequate remedy at law for 114. the future injuries and damage as a result of the Defendants' copyright infringements and Plaintiff

is suffering monetary damages in an amount not thus far determined. The aforesaid acts of Defendant have been and are likely to cause damage to Plaintiff in an amount not presently known but believed to be in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

COUNT THREE (Copyright Infringement)

- This Count arises out of the occurrences as set forth hereinabove and hereinafter and 115. is directly related to the counts for copyright infringement under 17 U.S.C. § 101, et seq.
- Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of ¶¶ 1 through 115 as if set forth herein.
- Plaintiff is the owner of all right, title and interest in the copyright of the advertising 117. brochure ("Brochure 3" - Exhibit I) identified on Certificate of Copyright Registration No. VA 1-635-638. (**Exhibit U**)
- Defendants have knowingly and willfully violated Plaintiff's copyright by continuing 118. to copy and distribute the Work without license or authority to do so.
- By reason of Defendants' past infringement and continued infringement Plaintiff has 119. sustained and will continue to sustain substantial injury, loss and damages to its ownership rights in the Work.
- Defendants have been copying, distributing and otherwise using Brochure 3 to 120. market its trade show and have thereby been engaging in unfair trade practices and unfair competition against Plaintiff causing Plaintiff irreparable injury.

- 121. Unless Defendants are restrained from further copying, reproducing, and using Brochure 3, and enjoined to remove and destroy any infringing copies taken from Brochure 3, Defendants shall continue to cause injury to the business reputation of Plaintiff by said infringement of Plaintiff's copyright and by Defendants unfairly competing with Plaintiff
- 122. Plaintiff has suffered irreparable harm and there is no adequate remedy at law for the future injuries and damage as a result of the Defendants' copyright infringements and Plaintiff is suffering monetary damages in an amount not thus far determined. The aforesaid acts of Defendant have been and are likely to cause damage to Plaintiff in an amount not presently known but believed to be in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

COUNT FOUR (Federal Trademark Infringement)

- 123. This is a count for trademark infringement and arises under the trademark laws of the United States (the Lanham Act) 15 U.S.C. §§ 1125, 1116, 1117, and 1121.
- 124. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of ¶¶ 1 through 123 as if set forth herein.
- 125. The use by Defendants of the **NORTHEAST** trademark is likely to cause confusion as to the source of the services as to Plaintiff's family of **NORTHEAST** trademarks to identify automotive trade shows.

- The use by Defendants of the NORTHEAST trademark in connection with trade 126. shows is a deliberate act of infringement intended to trade on the reputation and the goodwill of Plaintiff in its long standing use of its family of **NORTHEAST** trademarks.
- The use by Defendants of NORTHEAST deprives Plaintiff of control of its 127. reputation and its good will in its family of **NORTHEAST** trademarks.
- The use by Defendants of the NORTHEAST trademark, as set forth herein, was 128. intended to and did:
 - cause likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding among vendors, prospective a) vendors, and members of the relevant trade as to the sponsorship or approval by Plaintiff of the services of Defendant AASP-NJ;
 - b) cause likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding among vendors, prospective vendors, and members of the relevant trade as to Defendant AASP-NJ's affiliation, connection, or association with Plaintiff;
 - represent to vendors, prospective vendors, and members of the relevant trade that c) Plaintiff's services were the services of Defendant AASP-NJ or vice versa; and
- Defendants' foregoing actions have been knowing, deliberate, willful, and in 129. disregard of Plaintiff's rights.
- Plaintiff is damaged by the complained of conduct of Defendants in an amount to be determined.

- 131. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.
- 132. Plaintiff is entitled to an award of actual damages, exemplary damages, and attorneys' fees for these wilful acts.
- 133. The said conduct of Defendants has caused, and if not enjoined, will continue to cause irreparable damage to the rights of Plaintiff in its business reputation and good will, in an amount not presently known but believed to be in excess of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00)

COUNT FIVE (Breach of Contract)

- 134. This is a count for breach of contract and arises out of the contractual relationship between Plaintiff and Defendant AASP-NJ and arises out of the allegations set forth above in connection with Counts One through Four.
- 135. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of ¶¶ 1 through 134 as if set forth herein.
 - 136. As set forth above, Plaintiff and Defendant AASP-NJ are bound by a contract.
- 137. Defendants have materially breached the contract in several ways including, but not limited to:
 - a. paying the deposit on the 2009 show and then improperly attempting to terminate the contract;
 - endorsing and being involved in a competing show four months before and four months after the 2008 show; and

- c. utilizing Plaintiff REI's proprietary customer list without authorization.
- 138. Defendants have breached their contract with Plaintiff by failing to perform the contract as aforesaid and have damaged the plaintiffs in an amount not presently known but believed to be in excess of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00).

COUNT SIX

(Tortious Interference with Prospective Business Advantage)

- 139. This is a claim for relief from Defendants' tortious interference with prospective business advantages and arises from those acts alleged in support of Counts One through Five.
- 140. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of ¶¶ 1 through 139 as if set forth herein.
- 141. At all times herein relevant, Defendants have been aware or reasonably should have been aware that Plaintiff owned the **NORTHEAST** family of trademarks used by Plaintiff in connection with its trade show services.
- 142. At all times herein relevant, Defendants have been aware or reasonably should have been aware that Plaintiff intended to run an autobody/automotive trade show in 2009.
- 143. On information and belief, Defendants entered upon the premises of Rockland Community College Field House with employees and agents of the Meadowlands Exposition Center during the 2008 NORTHEAST Autobody/Automotive Trade Show and intentionally and willfully solicited and endorsed a competing 2009 autobody and automotive trade show so as to interfere with Plaintiff's ability to engage in its business.

- 144. Plaintiff has been injured in its business as a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid unlawful activities by Defendants in an amount not presently known but believed to be in excess of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00)
- 145. On information and belief, Defendants have been guilty of oppression, fraud, and malice in doing the aforementioned unlawful acts.
 - 146. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.
- 147. The said conduct of Defendants has caused, and if not enjoined, will continue to cause irreparable damage to the rights of Plaintiff in its business reputation and good will.
- 148. Plaintiff is entitled to exemplary damages in an amount in excess of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) and the award of attorneys' fees.

COUNT SEVEN (Tortious Interference with Contracts)

- 149. This is a claim for relief from Defendants' tortious interference with contracts arising out of the same facts as alleged in connection with the acts of trademark and copyright infringement and arises out of the same facts as alleged in connection with Counts One through Six.
- 150. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of ¶¶ 1 through 149 as if set forth herein.
- 151. Plaintiff has contracts in place with vendors and exhibitors to participate in Plaintiff REI's 2009 NORTHEAST Regional Autobody/Automotive Trade Show.

- 152. Upon information and belief, Defendants are aware of Plaintiff's contracts with its vendors and exhibitors.
- 153. Upon information and belief, Defendants have been intentionally procuring the breach of contracts by these vendors and exhibitors and, in fact, at least one exhibitor has already breached its contract with Plaintiff in order to contract with Defendants.
- 154. Plaintiff has been injured in its business as a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid unlawful activities by Defendants in an amount in an amount not presently known but believed to be in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00).
- 155. On information and belief, Defendants have been guilty of oppression, fraud, and malice in doing the aforementioned unlawful acts.
 - 156. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.
- 157. The said conduct of Defendants has caused, and if not enjoined, will continue to cause irreparable damage to the rights of Plaintiff in its business reputation and good will.
- 158. Plaintiff is entitled to exemplary damages in an amount in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) and the award of attorneys' fees.

COUNT EIGHT

(False and Deceptive Advertising, Trade Libel, and Disparagement Under the Lanham Act)

159. This is a claim for false and deceptive advertising, fraud, trade libel, defamation and trade disparagement of Plaintiff and the services of Plaintiff REI. and arises under the Trademark Laws of the United States (the Lanham Act) 15 U.S.C. §§ 1125, 1116, 1117, and 1121.

- 160. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of ¶¶ 1 through 159 as if set forth herein.
- 161. Plaintiff REI provides its trade show services to the autobody and automotive industry.
- 162. Commencing in or about March, 2008, Defendants began making oral representations to Plaintiff's vendors and exhibitors (Plaintiff's customers) that Defendants would be operating a trade show at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in 2009.
- 163. From March, 2008 until present, Defendants have falsely claimed ownership of the trademark NORTHEAST. Defendants are maliciously and falsely representing that Plaintiff is infringing the NORTHEAST trademark and maliciously representing that Plaintiff has no right to operate a trade show to the autobody and automotive community. Further, Defendants are falsely representing and advertising that it has used the NORTHEAST trademark for 32 years.
- 164. These statements are at all times, including the time when published, false, untrue, and defamatory and known to be such by Defendants.
- 165. Defendants made and published the statements with malice and willfully intended that the statements injure Plaintiff.
- 166. Defendants have damaged Plaintiff in an amount in an amount not presently known but believed to be in excess of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00).
 - 167. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

- 168. Unless restrained and compelled to publish corrective print advertisements,

 Defendants will continue to cause injury to the business reputation of Plaintiff by publishing
 substantially similar print advertisements and press releases.
- 169. Plaintiff is entitled to exemplary damages in an amount in excess of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) Dollars.

COUNT NINE (Common Law Trade Libel)

- 170. This Count arises under common law trade libel and arises out of the same acts and conduct alleged herein.
- 171. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of ¶¶ 1 through 170 as if set forth herein.
- 172. Defendants intentionally and willfully published false and defamatory statements concerning Plaintiff to third parties.
- 173. The statements are and were at all times, including the time when published, false, untrue, and defamatory and known to be such by Defendants.
- 174. Defendants made and published the statements with malice and willful intent to injure Plaintiffs.
- 175. Defendants' acts and conduct, without Plaintiff's consent, have damaged Plaintiff and Plaintiff has been irreparably injured in its business and in its good name and character. Plaintiff's standing in its businesses has been seriously impaired.

- 176. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.
- 177. Defendants' unlawful and improper acts and conduct have damaged Plaintiff in a in an amount not presently known but believed to be in excess of sum not presently known but reasonably believed to be in excess of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00).
- 178. Unless restrained, Defendants will continue to cause injury to Plaintiff's trademark and to Plaintiff's business reputation and standing.
- 179. Plaintiff is entitled to attorneys' fees, treble damages of all profits earned by Defendants and exemplary damages in excess of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00)

COUNT TEN

(State Unfair Competition, Trademark Infringement, Dilution, and Palming Off)

- 180. This is a counterclaim for relief arising under the Trademark Laws of the State of New York and, more particularly, New York General Business Law, Article 24, and arises out of of the same acts and conduct alleged in Counts One through Nine and is subject to the and the Court's pendent jurisdiction.
- 181. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of ¶¶ 1 through 180 as if set forth herein.
- 182. Over twenty-five years after Plaintiff had been using its **NORTHEAST** trademark, Defendants appropriated the identical trademark applied to trade shows, thereby palming off Defendants' services as the services of Plaintiff and/or vice versa.

- 183. Defendants, in the course of adopting and using Plaintiff's trademark **NORTHEAST** has intended by the aforesaid acts to:
 - cause likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding among vendors, prospective vendors, and members of the relevant trade as to the approval by Plaintiff of the work and services of Defendant AASP-NJ;
 - vendors, and members of the relevant trade as to Defendant AASP-NJ's affiliation, connection, or association with Plaintiff:
 - c) represent to vendors, prospective vendors, and members of the relevant trade that Plaintiff's services were the services of Defendant AASP-NJ or vice versa;
- 184. Additionally, Defendants, without the consent of Plaintiff, have falsely represented that Plaintiff's trademark NORTHEAST is Defendant AASP-NJ's trademark, and such use is likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deceive as to the source or origin of Plaintiff's services and/or dilute Plaintiff's trademark.
- 185. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law. The said conduct of Defendants has caused, and if not enjoined, will continue to cause irreparable damage to the rights of Plaintiff in its business reputation and good will, in an amount not presently known but believed to be in excess of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00)

COUNT ELEVEN (Misappropriation of Trade Secrets)

- This is a claim for relief for theft of trade secrets and arises under common law of 186. the State of New York and out of the same acts and conduct alleged in Counts One through Ten.
- Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in ¶ 1 through ¶186 187. as though fully set forth herein.
- Plaintiff provided Defendants with Plaintiff's lists of exhibitors and vendors which 188. Defendants contractual admit is the exclusive property of Plaintiff.
- Plaintiff derives economic value from its proprietary confidential and other trade 189. secret information (trade secrets) because such trade secrets are generally not known to the public, not readily ascertainable, and of significant value to the operation of Plaintiffs.
- Plaintiff has taken and does take steps to maintain the secrecy of its trade secrets, 190. including, but not limited to, limiting access to confidential information and advising Defendants and obtaining their contractual agreement that, in particular, its lists are confidential and proprietary.
- The trade secrets herein were only disclosed Defendants and others who had a need 191. to know and only to the extent of such need to know in order that they could carry out the performance of the contract between the parties.
- Defendants have misappropriated Plaintiff's trade secrets by using and disclosing 192. the trade secrets to others without a right to do so, all in breach of the confidences reposed in

Defendants by Plaintiff and the contract between Plaintiff and Defendant AASP-NJ in the Defendants' disclosing of the trade secrets in breach of the written agreements between Plaintiff and Defendants to respect the exclusive nature of the lists.

- 193. As a result of Defendants' trade secret misappropriation, Plaintiff has been injured in its business.
 - Plaintiff has suffered irreparable harm and there is no adequate remedy at law. 194.
- Plaintiff has and will continue to suffer irreparable harm and damage as a result of 195. Defendants' acts and Plaintiff has also suffered monetary damages in an amount not thus far determined. The aforesaid acts of Defendants have and will damage Plaintiff in an amount not presently known but believed to be in excess of six hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$630,000,00).
- 196. Unless restrained, Defendants will continue to cause to cause injury to the business of Plaintiff by continuing to use and to disclose and make available to third parties, including competitors of Plaintiff.
- Plaintiff is entitled to the award of attorneys' fees and exemplary damages in excess 197. of six hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$630,000,00).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Rockland Exposition, Inc., demands judgment against Defendants
Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of New Jersey, Tom Elder, Thomas Greco, Thomas
Greco Publishing, Inc. and Glenn Villacari (jointly and severally) as follows:

- (1) That Defendants, their agents and employees, and all other persons or entities within their respective control or supervision, and all other persons or entities acting in concert or participation with them, be enjoined during the pendency of this action and permanently from using, copying, or otherwise exploiting Plaintiffs' copyright and copyrighted work;
- (2) That Defendants, their agents and employees, and all other persons or entities within their respective control or supervision, and all other persons or entities acting in concert or participation with them, be enjoined during the pendency of this action and permanently from using, disclosing, converting, appropriating, retaining, selling, transferring, or copying any property, confidential information, or trade secrets of Plaintiffs;
- (3) That Defendants, their agents and employees, and all other persons or entities within their respective control or supervision, and all other persons or entities acting in concert or participation with them, be enjoined during the pendency of this action and permanently from using, copying, or otherwise gaining access to and/or exploiting Plaintiff's lists of vendors and exhibitors;

- (4) That Defendants, their agents and employees, and all other persons or entities within their respective control or supervision, and all other persons or entities acting in concert or participation with them, be enjoined during the pendency of this action and permanently from infringing upon Plaintiff's family of NORTHEAST trademarks by using NORTHEAST REGIONAL AUTOBODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW or any other term confusing similar to NORTHEAST.
- (5) That Defendants, their agents and employees, and all other persons or entities within their respective control or supervision, and all other persons or entities acting in concert or participation with them, be enjoined during the pendency of this action and permanently from unfairly competing with Plaintiffs in any manner;
- (6) That Defendants, their agents and employees, and all other persons or entities within their respective control or supervision, and all other persons or entities acting in concert or participation with them, be enjoined during the pendency of this action and permanently to return to Plaintiff all copies of Plaintiff's Lists;
- (7) That Plaintiff be awarded judgment against Defendants in an amount sufficient to compensate Plaintiffs for the losses it has suffered, as set forth in each of the causes of action contained herein;
- (8) That Plaintiff be awarded exemplary damages as sought in the causes of action contained herein;

- (9) That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest and post-judgment interest;
- That Plaintiffs be awarded attorneys fees and all other expenses and costs of this (10)litigation;

Such other and further relief that this Court may deem appropriate.

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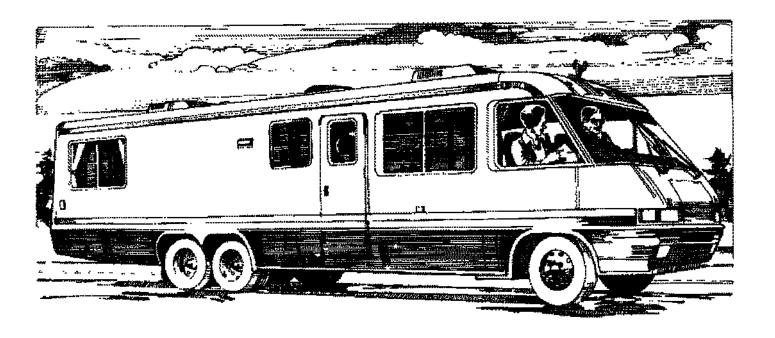
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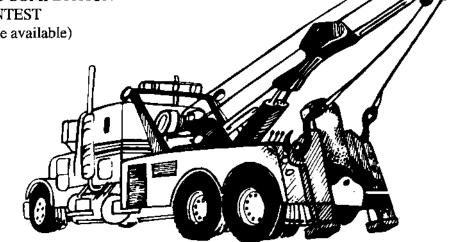
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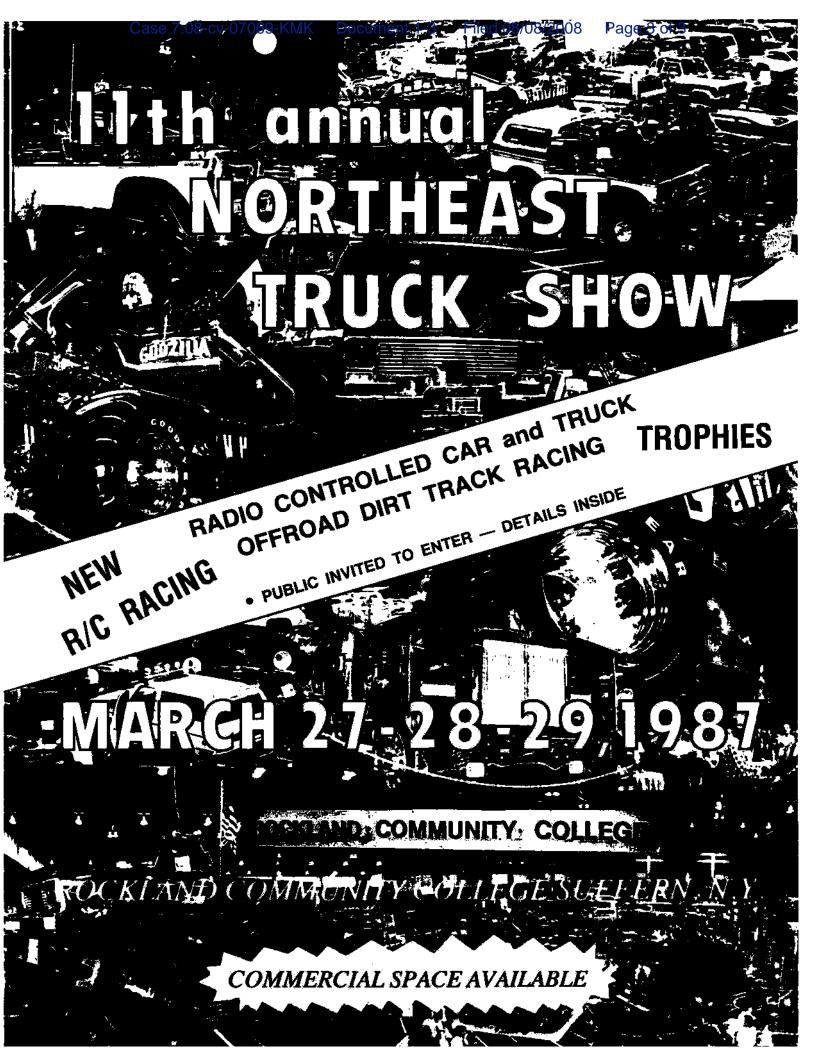
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DAVE McCAREY



This agreement made this 18th day of Tuly 1989, between Rockland Exposition, Inc., 529 North Street, Middletown, New York 10940; and the Automotive Service Association of New Jersey (ASA-NJ), 167 Hamburg Turnpike, Bloomingdale, New Jersey 07403-1411; for the purpose of promoting, managing, and operation of an Auto Congress and Trade Exposition to be held annually at the Rockland Community College Field House, Suffern, New York; with the objective of making a profit.

It is agreed that Rockland Exposition, Inc. will be responsible for the management, promotion and direction of the exposition. Rockland Exposition, Inc. will handle all exhibitor space sales and show services rentals. Rockland Exposition, Inc. will handle all finances such as, but not limited to, advertising, show supplies, promotional material, seminars, luncheon, postage, mailings, etc. as approved by ASA-NJ. Rockland Exposition, Inc. will have exculsive rights to all expositions rental services, such as but not limited to carpet/floor covering, tables, chairs, drapes, electric, etc. as per Schedule A curtains, (proposal/quote for management and show services) attached here to and incorporated here with. It is also agreed that Rockland Exposition, Inc. will hire an outside cleaning contractor, plus security for both inside and outside of the trade show approved by the college. Rockland Exposition, Inc. will also be responsible for hiring all show help for registration of attendees, plus exhibitor office help as per Schedule A (proposal/quote for management and show services) attached here to and incorporated here with. It is further agreed that the rental contract for the building (RCC Field will be through and in the name of Rockland House) Exposition, Inc.

The Automotive Service Association of New Jersey (ASA-NJ) will provide endorsement, approval and support by

their own organization, by their national affiliation and through any mergers that may occur. ASA-NJ will be responsible for all hotel functions, including the awards dinner program, plus the invitation of prominent speakers for the educational seminar program; which will be held on the same site as the trade show and at the exposition hotel on the Saturday morning prior to the trade show opening. Seminar speakers will be subject to approval by Rockland Exposition, Inc. to avoid conflict with exhibitors. ASA-NJ will also organize and oversee the exhibitor advertisement and show program booklet.

ASA-NJ ACTS agrees to the use of their name in any way including but not limited to mailings, brochures, signs, advertisements, etc. ASA-NJ further agrees to hold their main membership meeting or social event, such as an awards dinner at the show site or exhibitors headquarters hotel every year on the same dates as the trade show, but not during exhibit hours. ASA-NJ, because it recognizes the difficulty in operating a significant event such as ACTS by committee, agrees that its single authoritative point of contract with Rockland Exposition, Inc. will be its President or a designated person appointed by the President; and that Rockland Exposition, Inc. can rely fully on the decisions and communications by the President or his appointee, to be agreed upon as if voted by the ASA-NJ Board of Directors.

ASA-NJ acknowledges that Rockland Exposition, Inc. has developed a significant nationwide exhibitor prospect mailing list over the past 11 years which is used nationwide and which it will use to promote ACTS. Full ownership of this list will remain with Rockland Exposition regardless of any dispute under this agreement. Rockland Exposition, Inc. hereby acknowledges that ASA-NJ ACTS membership lists, business references, educational program input, and

speakers' names are proprietary and the property of ACTS.

Rockland Exposition, Inc. agrees that said lists shall not
be used for any other purposes other then the promotion of
the ACTS show for potential attendees and exhibitors.

Rockland Exposition, Inc. agrees not to manage or organize an Auto Body Congress Trade Show at the Rockland Community College location or within 200 miles of New Brunswick, New Jersey while under contract with ASA-NJ. ASA-NJ acknowledges that Rockland Exposition, Inc. has the exclusive rights to other trade shows which they already manage/coordinate at the Rockland Community College Field House.

ASA-NJ agrees to pay a co-ordinators salary/sales commission to Rockland Exposition Inc. based on exhibitor space sales as follows: a guaranteed salary of \$12,000.00; plus 18% of gross exhibitor space sales from \$80,000.00 to \$100,000.00, and 20% of gross exhibitor space sales over \$100,000.00. The co-ordinators salary/sales commission on exhibitor space sales and all direct show expenses will be billed four months prior to the show; three months prior; two months prior; and then ten days prior to the show.

ASA-NJ agrees that payment will be made within ten days of receipt of money by ASA-NJ. Rockland Exposition, Inc. will bill ASA-NJ the final show expenses the first of the month following the show.

ASA-NJ will deposit the necessary funds to cover the facility rent, insurance, cleaning and security with Rockland Exposition, Inc. two weeks prior to the show dates, at which time Rockland Exposition, Inc. will forward certified checks to the college in accordance with the college's rental contract. ASA-NJ will pay Rockland Exposition, Inc. for the main electric service, curtains, signs, registration counters and seminar room equipment prior to the opening of the show.

SPACE

ASA-NJ and Rockland Exposition, Inc. agree that all mail will go directly to Rockland Exposition, Inc. that Rockland Exposition, Inc. will maintain all accounting for the ACTS event. All exhibitor rental checks will be made out to ASA-NJ and forwarded to ASA-NJ treasurer with monthly billing. Rockland Exposition, Inc. will submit within thirty days after the event, an itemized list of expenses and income for the show to ASA-NJ, at which time a meeting will be scheduled to finalize the event.

This agreement shall be considered as drafted equally by both parties. Any ambiguity shall not be construed against either party.

It is the intent of all parties to promote and advance the Automotive Service Industry through out the northeast. ASA-NJ agrees that after reviewing the final show report and the estimated proposal for the following year's event they must within 45 working days of the close of the show either, submit a \$1000.00 deposit to Rockland Exposition, Inc. to hold the following years show dates or they must serve written notice by registered mail that they wish to discontinue this agreement. It is further agreed that ASA-NJ will not be involved in any other related exposition four months prior or four months after this exposition.

Executed on this 18th day of July 1989 at Rece Bah Stanles for Rockland Exposition, Inc.

President, Rockland Exposition, Inc.

Executed on this ______ day of ______ 1989 at Peles Body + Fools, for Automotive Service Association of New Jersey. (ASA-NJ ACTS)

President, ASA-NJ

ROCKLAND EXPOSITION, INC.

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SCHEDULE A

QUOTE FOR MANAGEMENT/SHOW CO-ORDINATOR

ACTS - AUTO CONGRESS TRADE SHOW

APRIL 20-21, 1990

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(Based on 160 Booths/90 exhibitors)

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ACTS - AUTO CONGRESS & TRADE SHOW

APRIL 20, 21, 1989 (TENTATIVE DATES)

PROPOSED EXPENSES

Note:	Based	on	160	Exhibitor	Booths
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- (2) Day Show
- (2) Seminar Areas to Seat 200 People each/Classroom Style
- (1) Large Seminar/Luncheon Area

College Facility Rent

Thurs., April 20, 6p.m Sat.,	April 21, 12p.m.	\$ 6000.00
Electric		
Overhead Electric Systems Stand By Electrician (12) OT Sales Tax	\$3750.00 540.00 268.13	\$ 4558.13

Cleaning

Supplies/Labor	(67 hrs)	\$1206.00	
Floor Machine		250.00	
30 yd Dumpster	(with tax)	584.38	\$ 2040.38

Curtain/Drapes

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(300')	8' High (2) Seminar Areas	525.00	
(50')	3' High Seminar/Lobby	50.00	
(30')	Balcony/Blockoffs	75.00	
(4)	8' X 30" Decorated Tables		
	(Seminar Rm) @ \$25.00	100.00	
Sales	Tax	246.88	\$ 4196.88

\$3200.00

Exhibitor Sign Service

(160) 10' X 10' Exhibitor Booths

0 \$20.00

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(90)	6" X 36"	Exhibitor Signs @ \$ 6.00	\$ 540.00	
Sales	Tax	e \$ 0. 00	33.75	\$ 573.75
Regis	tration/T	icket Counter		

24' Formica Registration Center \$ 475.00 Sales Tax 29.69 \$ 504.69

	Plywood Service			
	1000 Plywood Squares Sales Tax	\$ 350.00 21.88	\$	371.88
	Security			
	Outside (RCC Security) Students 40 hrs (@ \$6.50)/Aide	\$ 580.00 es 20 hrs (@ \$16.00)		
	Inside (Armed Security) 82 hrs (@ \$14.00)	\$1148.00	\$	1728.00
	Show Help/Registration			
	Registration Help - 56 hrs @ \$10.00	\$ 560.00		
	Exhibitor Help - 24 hrs @ \$12.00	288.00	\$	848.00
	Merchant Permit		\$	150.00
	Phone Service at RCC During Sho	<u>w</u>		
	Temporary Show Office Phone Thursday thru Saturday	Service	\$	200.00
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and Here	Table/Chair Service: (furnish	and set-up)		
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or an observation	@ \$14.00 (400) Fiber Folding Chairs			
10x	@ \$ 1.50 Sales Tax	\$ 600.00 \$ 107.50	\$	1827.50
	Set-Up Luncheon Seminar Area			
	Re Set-up (2) Seminar Rooms Recover (80) Tables			
	Remove Divider, Etc.		\$	200.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$23199.21

Co-ordinator Salary

Includes:

- * Show Co-ordinator: to oversee entire set-up, show hours, and breakdown of event.
- * Sales of all exhibitor space
- * Assign all exhibitor booth space/contracts
- * Secretarial promotional services
- * Office equipment, office rent, utilities, fax machine
- * Year Round 800 telphone service and message center
- * Computerized mailing service ^
- * Typing Mailing list
- * Bulk Mailing Permit (3rd class); First Class Presort Permit
- * Return Postage Permit (business reply)
- * Mailing Labels
- * Labor for show bulk mailings
- * Lay-out floor plan
- * Lay-out brochure for sales of space
- * Show poster layout
- * Promotion VIP pass program
- * Labor contracts for space
- * Typing Exhibitors rules for building
- * Exhibitor Pass List/Paperwork/Insurance Forms
- * Placement of show advertisements in trade publications
- * Oversee Fire/Electric Inspection Permits

Co-ordinator Salary

15% of Gross Exhibitor Space Sales up to \$80,000 18% of Gross Exhibitor Space Sales from \$80,000 to \$100.000 20% of Gross Exhibitor Space Sales over \$100,000 Guarantee Minimum Salary of \$12,000

Items not included in salary:

- * Printing Costs of Show Material
- * Postage Costs of Show Mailings
- Purchasing of Additional Mailing Lists
- * Legal Service
- * Outside Shows/Travel/Auto/Gas
- * ^ Computer Time to Insert Original Mailing List
- * Office Supplies (Labels, etc.)
- * All Direct Show Expenses

Budget Items

- * Advertising Cost
- * Printing Cost
- * Postage
- * Size/Number of Mailings

Accounting/Show Expenses

Coordinators salary/commission on exhibit space sales and all direct show expenses will be billed as follows:

4 Months 3 Months				December 10th, 1989 January 10th, 1990
2 Months 1 Month 10 Days	Prior	To Si	how	February 10th, 1990 March 10th, 1990 April 10th, 1990

ASA-NJ agrees payment will be made within 10 days of billing date.

Final show expenses will be billed May 1st, 1990. Final expense sheet will be turned in May 10th, 1990; at a show committee meeting to go over entire show report.

In order to secure the tentative show dates of April 20 and April 21, 1990 at the Rockland Community College Field House; we will need to have a commitment from your show committee by June 1, 1989. As discussed, this will directly effect two of our other trade shows in order to secure these show dates.

Commitment To Dates

- * \$1000.00 Deposit Payable to Rockland Exposition, Inc. to be used to secure show dates.
- * Legal Agreement Drawn-Up
- * Last (3) Years of Exhibitor Space Contracts including leads for space that were unsigned.
- * Mailing List of Potential Exhibitors
- * Mailing List of (VIP) Promotional Show Passes
- * Samples of all Promotional Items for the last (3) shows (including brochures, contracts, rules, service forms, vip passes, promotional flyers, advertising schedules, exhibitor correspondence letters, etc.)

Suggested

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Friday, April 20	Seminar Room #1 6:30 p.m.	Seminar Room #2 7:15 p.m.
(Room for 5	8:00 p.m.	8:45 p.m.
Seminars)	9:30 p.m.	•
Saturday, April 21	Holidome Banquet Ro	om inental Breakfast
(1 Seminar)	8:30 a.m. Pane	
Saturday, April 21	Seminar Rooom #1 10:15 a.m.	Seminar Room #2 11:00 a.m.
Lunch/Seminar	12:30 p.m. (Full	
(Room for 6 Seminars)	2:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.

TOTAL OF 12 SEMINARS

Initial Set-up (2 rooms)

(2) Individual Seminar Rooms
 (40) 8' X 30" Tables per room
 (200) Chairs (Classroom Style) per room

Luncheon Set-up/Large Seminar Room (15 min. set-up time)

Remove 8' High Divider Curtains Remove (2) Speaker Tables in Room #2

(This will give you seating for 400 people, classroom style, which can be used to serve a chicken dinner lunch.)

Saturday P.M. Set-up (2 Rooms - 30 min. set-up time)

Install 8' High Divider Curtains
Install (2) Speaker Tables in Room #2
Perceyer 20 Mables (After Lunchern) With New 1

Recover 80 Tables (After Luncheon) With New White Protective Covering

BUDGET ITEMS

Show Attendee Badge/Badge Holders

3000 Printed Badye \$90.00/M Clear Bull Dog Clip @ \$.25	\$270.00 750.00	\$ 1020.00
Show Liability Insurance		\$ 1287.00

Show Liability Insurance

Seminar Room Equipment

VCR (Video Player)	\$165.00	
TV (Video Monitor)	165.00	
Hand Microphone & Speakers	200.00	\$ 530.00

Seminar/Lunch Program

Saturday, April 21 -12:30 p.m.- Inside Field House/Main Floor Chicken Dinner Luncheon including:

Barbecue Knives/Forks/Spoons
1/2 Chicken Paper Products
Potato Salad Pickles/Olives
Corn on the Cob Ice Tea/Coffee
Potato Chips Water Melon

\$12.00 per person Private Caterer

^{*} Note: As discussed, Insurance quote will be worked out after further discussion with insurance carrier.

ROCKLAND EXPOSITION, INC.

529 NORTH STREET MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK 10940

800-223-4648 914-343**-**2772 in N.Y.

SCHEDULE A

QUOTE FOR SHOW SERVICES

ACTS - AUTO CONGRESS & TRADE SHOW

APRIL 20, 21, 1990 (Tentative Show Dates)

ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE Suffern, New York

ROCKLAND EXPOSITION, INC.

529 NORTH STREET MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK 10940

800-223-4648 914-343-2772 in N.Y.

May 5, 1989

Hank Peters
PETERS BODY & FENDER CO. INC.
350 West Oakland Avenue
Oakland. NJ 07436

Dear Mr. Peters:

We would like to quote you as follows on the 13th Annual Auto Congress & Trade Show (ACTS) to be held at the Rockland Community College Field House, Suffern, New York; with tentative show dates of April 20 and 21, 1990.

Rockland Exposition, Inc. would provide the following services:

- 1. OVERHEAD ELECTRIC SYSTEM (ALL COPPER WIRE)
- A. Furnish and install three (3) main feeder support cables across the width of the field house, each being supported by aircraft cable to the roof girders and steel brackets to the concrete pillars. Each main feeder cable to have six (6) floor drops to provide electric service as ordered to the individual sections of the main floor.
- B. Furnish and install four (4) 200 amp main panels on the balcony wall above the exit doors.
- C. Furnish and install four (4) 200 amp electric feed cables from supply to the main panels.
- D. Furnish and install four (4) 50 amp stantion panels to supply perimeter booths.
- E. Furnish and install six (6) 100 amp stantion panels and fourteen (14) 40 amp lines to distribute electric to individual exhibitor areas.

The cost to install main feeders and floor drops would be Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$3,750.00).

- F. Furnish and install electric outlets, extension cords, etc. to exhibitors as they have individually ordered at their own expense, (as per rate sheet).
- G. Furnish a standby electrician during all show hours, straight time \$30.00 per hour and overtime at \$45.00 per hour. If a union man is required the cost will be approximately 50% more. Electrician straight time (8am-4pm, Monday Friday).

2. CURTAIN/DRAPE SERVICES

A. Furnish and install according to show management floor plan, draped exhibitor booths at a cost of:

All curtain/drape material is flame retardent.

B. Furnish and install as ordered by show manangement:

8' High Curtain Walls @ \$ 1.75 per foot 30" High Side Walls @ \$ 1.00 per foot

C. Furnish and install curtain background (Approx. 50' X 40') for two seminar areas on main floor.

Approx. 300' of 8' High Curtain Wall @ \$ 1.75 per foot \$525.00

3. EXHIBITOR BOOTH FURNITURE

A. Furnish booth furniture and show accessories to exhibitors as they have individually ordered at their own expense. (Including tables, chairs, etc. as per rate sheet.)

4. EXHIBITOR SIGN SERVICE

A. Furnish and install 6" X 36" plastic exhibitor identification sign as ordered by show management.

Single Line of Print @ \$ 6.00 Double Line of Print @ \$ 7.00

5. REGISTRATION/TICKET COUNTER (FORMICA)

A. Furnish and install 24' X 10' registration/ticket counter to be used for show registration area. Includes 24' formica counter, storage shelves, electric outlets, lighted sign panels, three 8' skirted tables, eight padded chairs, 8' high back wall and 30" side walls.

The cost of a 24' Formica registration/ticket counter would be Four Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$475.00).

6. PLYWOOD SERVICE

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A. Furnish plywood squares (Approx. 18" X 24") to be used under all tires and equipment on display to protect gym floor. (College is installing a new floor and this will be in the rental contract for their protection).

1000 Plywood Squares- Truck, Delivery, Rental, Pickup will cost Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00).

ROCKLAND EXPOSITION, INC. understands it will:

- 1. Set-up main feeder support cables and floor drops Thursday, April 19, 1990. Set-up exhibitor booths, identification signs and install electric lines to exhibitors who have ordered electric service.
- 2. Remove electric system, exhibitors curtains, etc., Saturday evening, April 21, 1990; after the close of the show, (5 p.m.).
- 3. Be furnished with an exhibitor sign list and basic floor plan of exhibitor location by mail, two weeks prior to the show. (April 5, 1990). Additions to sign order maybe made through April 12, 1990.

Please call our office when you have had a chance to look this proposal over, so we may discuss any questions. I have included a tentative floor plan for approximately 300 booths plus a sample exhibitor service form. We are looking forward to working with your organization and plan to have coverage from our company during all hours of your show to make everything run smoothly.

Thank you for the opportunity to bid on these services.

Sincerely,

ROCKLAND EXPOSITION SERVICES

David McCarey

This agreement made this 26 day of APELL 2004 between Rockland Exposition, Inc., 388 East Main Street, Middletown, New York 10940; and the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of the Garden State (AASP-GS), PO Box 5172, Somerville, New Jersey 08876; for the purpose of promoting, managing, and operation of the Northeast Regional Auto body/Automotive Trade Show to be held annually at the Rockland Community College Field House Arena, Suffern, New York; with the objective of making a profit.

It is agreed that Rockland Exposition, Inc. will be responsible for the management, promotion and direction of the exposition. Rockland Exposition, Inc. will handle all exhibitor space sales, and show services rentals. Rockland Exposition, Inc. will handle all finances such as but not limited to, advertising, show supplies, etc. as approved by AASP-GS. Rockland Exposition, Inc. will have exclusive rights to all exposition rental services, such as but not limited to carpet/floor covering, tables, chairs, curtains, drapes, electric, etc. as per Schedule A (proposal/quote for management and show services) attached here to and incorporated here with. It is also agreed that Rockland Exposition, Inc. will hire an outside cleaning contractor plus security for both inside and outside of the trade show approved by the college. Rockland Exposition Inc. will also be responsible for hiring all show help for registration of attendees, plus exhibitor office help as per Schedule A attached here to and incorporated here with. It is further agreed that the rental contract for the building (RCC Field House) will be through and in the name of Rockland Exposition, Inc.

The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers Garden State (AASP-GS) will provide endorsement, approval and support by their own organization, by their national affiliation and through any mergers that may occur. AASP-GS will be responsible for all hotel functions, including the awards dinner program, plus the invitation of prominent speakers for the educational seminar program, plus the invitation of prominent speakers for the educational seminar program; which will be held on the same site as the trade show. Seminar speakers will be subject to approval by Rockland Exposition, Inc. to avoid conflict with exhibitors. AASP-GS will also organize and oversee the exhibitor advertisement and show program booklet.

AASP-GS Northeast Regional Auto body/Automotive Trade Show agrees to the use of their name in any way including but not limited to mailings, brochures, signs, advertisements, etc. AASP-GS further agrees to hold their main membership meeting or social event, such as an awards dinner at the show site or exhibitors headquarters hotel every year on the same dates as the trade show, but not during exhibit hours. AASP-GS, because it recognizes the difficulty in operating a significant event such as the Northeast Regional Auto body/Automotive Trade Show by committee, agrees that its single authoritative point of contract with Rockland Exposition, Inc. will be its President or a designated person appointed by the President; and that Rockland Exposition, Inc. can rely fully on the decisions and communications by the president or his appointee to be agreed upon as if voted by the AASP-GS Board of Directors.

AASP-GS acknowledges that Rockland Exposition, Inc. has developed a significant exhibitor prospect mailing list over the past 25 years which is used nationwide and which it will use to promote the Northeast Regional Auto body/Automotive Trade Show. Full ownership of this list will remain with Rockland Exposition, Inc. regardless of any dispute under this agreement. Rockland Exposition, Inc. hereby acknowledges that AASP-GS Northeast Regional Auto body/Automotive Trade Show membership lists, business references, educational program input and speakers names are proprietary and the property of Northeast Regional Auto body/Automotive Trade Show for potential attendees and exhibitors.

Rockland Exposition, Inc. agrees not to manage or organize an Auto Body Congress Trade Show at the Rockland Community College location or within 200 miles of New Brunswick, New Jersey while under contract with AASP-GS. AASP-GS acknowledges that Rockland Exposition, Inc. has the exclusive rights to other trade shows which they already manage/coordinate at the Rockland Community College Field House.

AASP-GS agrees to pay coordinators salary/management fee to Rockland Exposition, Inc. based on exhibitor space sales as follows: a guaranteed salary of \$18,000.00; plus 21% of gross exhibitor space sales from \$80,000,00 to \$100,000.00 and 23% of gross exhibitor space sales over \$100,000.00 for the 2006 event. The coordinators salary/management fee on exhibitor space sales and all direct show expenses will be billed five months prior to the show; four months prior; three months prior; two months prior; and then (14) days prior to the show. AASP-GS agrees that payment will be made within ten days of receipt of money by AASP-GS. Rockland Exposition, Inc. will bill AASP-GS the final show expenses the first of the month following the show.

AASP-GS will deposit the necessary funds to cover the facility rent, insurance, cleaning and security with Rockland Exposition, Inc. two weeks prior to the show dates, at which time Rockland Exposition, Inc. will forward certified checks to the college in accordance with the college rental contract. AASP-GS will pay Rockland Exposition, Inc. for the main electric service, curtains, signs, registration area, and seminar room equipment prior to the opening of the show.

AASP-GS and Rockland Exposition, Inc. agree that all mail will go directly to Rockland Exposition, Inc. that Rockland Exposition, Inc. will maintain all accounting for the Northeast Regional Auto body/Automotive Trade Show event. All exhibitors space rental checks will be made to AASP-GS and forwarded to AASP-GS treasurer with monthly billing. Rockland Exposition, Inc. will submit within thirty days after the event, an itemized list of expenses and income for the show to AASP-GS, at which time a meeting will be scheduled to finalize the event.

This agreement shall be considered as drafted equally by both parties. Any ambiguity shall not be construed against either party.

It is the intent of all parties to promote and advance the Automotive Service Industry throughout the northeast. This agreement is to cover the 2005 exposition through the 2006 exposition, and annually from thereafter, become an automatic two year renewal clause. (After the 2005 exposition, if a renewal agreement is signed, it would then cover the 2006 and 2007 expositions). AASP-GS agrees to submit a \$2000.00 deposit for the 2006 exposition. AASP-GS further agrees that after reviewing the 2005 show report and the estimated proposal for the following years event they must within 45 working days of the close of the 2005 show, either submit \$2000.00 deposit to Rockland Exposition, Inc. to hold the 2007 show dates or they must serve written notice by registered mail that they wise to discontinue this agreement after the 2006 event. It is further agreed that AASP-GS will not be involved in or endotse any other related exposition four months prior or four months after the latest contracted exposition.

All disputes under the agreement shall be resolved according to New York State Law. This contract shall be deemed created at 388 East Main Street, Middletown, New York 10940. Any changes to this agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties. The parties below agree that they have full authority to bind their perspective organizations to this agreement. This agreement shall be deemed effective on this 2004.

Executed on this 26 day of HPEL 2004 at 388 East Main Street, Middletown, New Pork 10940 for Rockland Exposition, Inc.

President of Rockland Exposition, Ind

Executed on this 25 day of 1984 2004 at 245 Tunber | VP. P. W. for Alliance of Automotive Service Providers Garden State (AASP-GS)

A SY-OS. President/Trade Show Chairman

SCHEDULE A

QUOTE FOR MANAGEMENT/SHOW COORDINATOR

NORTHEAST REGIONAL AUTOBODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW **APRIL** 1, 2, 3, 2005 Rockland Community College Field House Arena Suffern, New York (based on 2004 show)

NORTHEAST REGIONAL AUTOBODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW APRIL 1, 2, 3, 2005

Proposed Expenses for 2005 Event

Note: Based on 2004 show figures

3 Day Show

Total

Reflects increase in electric service and carpet service

Current sales tax rate of 8.125% is applied, however may increase by show date

College \	Facility Rent Ved. March 24 Spm - Sun. March 28 12 midnight	\$	14,900.00
Semina :	r Rooms Rent 3 Seminar Rooms, Fri March 28-Set March 27		\$300.00
	; Overhead Electric System - 4 Lines Seles Tax		\$6,000.00 \$487.50
	Total		\$6,487.50
Cleani	nd	٠	\$3,366.00
•	Supplies/Labor (187)		\$375.00
	Floor Machine from RCC		\$3,741.00
	Total		\$3,141,40
Garba	ge/Debris (4) 30yd Dumpsters (with tex)		\$1,405.94
Pipe/I	rape	· \$20.00	\$3,900.00
195	10' x 10' Booths @	\$1.75	\$1,050.00
600	gi High Drape 🗣	\$1.00	\$80.00
80	3' Hìgh Draps 🗷	4 -	\$100.00
40	Beleem Block offs		\$63,06
	NJ Automotive (Chairs/Tables) Balcony		\$5,193.00
	Sub Total		\$421.93
	Sales Tax		\$5,614.93
	Total		,
AABF	/G8 Tent Area Centerplece		\$600.00
	30' x 40' White Frame Tent with lights		\$487.50
	30' x 40' Carpet	\$1.65	\$16,50
10	Chairs •	V	\$143.00
8	Tables Decorated (4) 6'x30; (2) 6' x 30'		n/c
2	Easole		\$1,247.00
	Sub Total		\$101.32
	Sales Tax		\$1,948.32
	Total ·		• • •
Exhi	bitor Sign Service	\$7,90	\$966.00
138	Exhibitor Signa (6" x 36") 👺	4.100	\$78.49
	Sales Tax		\$1,044.48
	Tetal		

how Signage	\$35.00 \$	245.00
7 Install Large Alsie Signs 9	r/c	
(A.A. A A.A. MANAGER)		\$20.00
Install Seminar Room/Stall Case Directories Copy-	\$22.00	\$88.00
	\$12.00	\$48,00
4 Essets (Lobby, Halis, Floor for serkinare) @	\$1200	401.00
Sub Total	·	\$32.58
Sales Tex		\$433.58
Total	,	•
TORN		•
Catering Service	\$1	1,025.00
325 Continental Breakfast		
Registration Area (Exhibitor, Attendes, Pre-Reg)		\$318.50
40' Registration Counter (13 tables)		\$25.88
Salas Tax	•	\$344.38
		Darwon.
Total		
Plywood Service		
Load/Unload Twice, Trucking, Statege		\$75.00
15 Full Plywood Sheets		\$350.00
1000 Plywood Squeres		\$34.53
Sales Tax		\$459.53
Total		
us and desire		
Fire Attendante	\$13.70	\$445.25
32.5 5 Attendants (Friday © 6.5 hrs)	\$13.70	\$648.00
40 5 Attendents (Saturday @ 8 hrs)	\$13,70	\$376.75
27.5 6 Attendants (Sunday @ 6.5 hrs)	\$15.70	\$133.45
8.5 1 Retter (Sat & Sun)	\$24,00	\$504.00
21 Welding Areas - 1 Attendant	\$25.00	\$125.00
5 Radio Rental ©		\$ 2,132.45
Total		
Security		
Outside - RCC Security	\$7,00	\$497.00
71 RCC Students ©	\$33.00	\$891.00
27 RCC Aides ©	993,00	\$150.00
College Safety Inspection	•	9.00
Inside - Armed Security	\$20.00	\$5,471.00
253 AB Security - hours witex	\$20.00	\$7,009.00
Total	•	ψ) (QQ O.SG
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Show Registration Help 73 Exhibitor Registration Hours	\$16.50	\$1,131.50
73 Exhibitor Hagistiation House	\$10.50	\$1,596.00
152 Attendee Registration Hours		\$2,727.50
Total		\$300.00
Merchant Permit	• '	
Phone/Fex Service at RCC During Show		
Temporary Show Office Phone Service		\$200.00
	•	
Seminar Rooms (Upstairs)	\$1,65	\$221.10
134 Finer Folding Chairs @	\$14.50	\$478,50
33 White Covered 8' Tables 4	\$1,75	\$595.00
340 Drape 6' High @	\$23.50	\$47.00
2 Decorated 6' Tables 2		\$1,341.60
Sub Total		\$109.01
Sales Tex		\$1,450.61
Total		- -• - · ·

	(Includes all show aigles, balcony entry walkway to main		
•	floor and two upstairs seminar rooms.)	s	11,200.00
	Instaliation, Rental, Removal	•	\$910.00
	Sales Tax	\$12,110.00	
	Total	•	
Computerized Badge System			\$1,132.50
5	Computer Stations plus reproduier		\$92,02
	Sales Tax		\$1,224.52
	Total		
Road Signs		\$350.00	
13	4' x 4' Signa, Trucking, Setup, Removal		\$28. 44
	Sales Tex		\$378.44
	Total		,
Forklitt Service (Noveln - Moveout)			\$2,110.00
5	powieje - Pidop and Dalivery		
	(Includes (2) 5000tb, 6000tb, 8000tb, 9000tb)	\$20.00	\$260.00
13	Propane Tanks @	\$32.00	\$1,500.00
50	5 Drivers @ 10hrs Thursday	\$32.00	\$320.00
10	Driver 6 10hrs Friday	\$32.00	\$1,260.00
40	5 Drivers & Shra Sunday		\$8,570.00
	Total .		
Insurance			\$2,175.00
	Show Liability Insurance		\$4,180.00
	Canceliation Insurance	•	\$6,335.00
	Total		
Food Court Area		\$14.50	\$58.00
4	White Covered 8' Tables @	\$1.65	\$52,80
32	Chairs @	*	\$110.80
	Sub Total		. \$9.00
	Sales Tex		\$119.80
	Total		
	il Evnenses		. \$76,061.98

- Show Coordinator: to oversee entire set-up, show hours and breakdown of event
- Sales of all exhibitor space
- Assign and issue all exhibitor booth space contracts
- Secretarial promotional services for exhibitor sales
- Office equipment, office rent, utilities, fax machine
- Year round 800 telephone service and message center
- Computerized mailing service
- Printing mailing list
- Presort and Standard mailing permits
- Printing mailing labels
- Labor for show presort/standard mailings
- Lay-out floor plan
- Lay-out brochure for sales of space
- Show poster layout
- Promotion VIP pass program
- Labor contracts for space
- Typing exhibitor rules for building
- Exhibitor pass list, paperwork, insurance forms
- Placement of show advertisements in trade publications
- Oversee fire/electric inspection permits
- Seminar program/.flyer layout

Coordinator Salary:

- Exhibitor space sales to \$80,000 guaranteed minimum salary of \$18,000
- 21% of gross exhibitor space sales from \$80,000 to \$100,000
- 23% of gross exhibitor space sales over \$100,000

Items not included in Salary.

- Printing costs of show materials
- Postage costs of show mailings
- Purchasing of additional mailing lists
- Legal service
- Outside shows/travel/auto/gas
- Computer time to insert mailing lists
- Office supplies (labels, disks, paper, toner, etc.)
- All direct show expenses

Budget Items:

- Advertising Costs
- **Printing Costs**
- Postage
- Size/Number of Mailings

Accounting/Show Expenses:

Coordinators salary/commission on exhibit space sales and all direct show expenses will be billed as follows:

November 1, 2004 5 months prior to show December 1, 2004 4 months prior to show January 1, 2005 3 months prior to show February 1, 2005 2 months prior to show March 1, 2005 I month prior to show March 20, 2005 10 days prior to show

AASP-GS agrees payment will be made within 10 days of billing date.

Final show expenses will be billed approx. April 15, 2005 Final expense sheet will be turned in April 15, 2005 or when scheduled; at a show committee meeting to go ever entire show report.

Commitment to 2006 Dates

- Legal Agreement Signed
- \$2000.00 deposit (for Field House) for 2006 event, payable to "Rockland Exposition, Inc." by June 1, 2004
- Hotel Agreement for Saturday, April 2, 2005
- Hotel Agreement for Saturday, March 25, 2006

ROCKLAND EXPOSITION, INC.

388 EAST MAIN STREET MIDDLETOWN, N.Y. 10940 845-343-2772 800-223-4648 845-344-1203 FAX

DATE:

March 25, 2008

TO:

Glenn Villacari

Pete Cook AASP/NJ

FAX:

973.662.9001 AND 973.674.8185

FROM:

David McCarey

RE:

Phone Call March 18, 2008 Decision Not to Participate with Rockland Exposition

And Sponsor the Northeast 2009 Regional Autobody Automotive Trade Show

Gentlemen:

Please fax to us (845.344.1203) or email to us (<u>info@rocklandexpo.com</u>) your written decision to no longer participate with Rockland Exposition or sponsor the Northeast event at the Rockland Community College for 2009 so we have a copy for our files.

We are disappointed AASP/NJ will not be sponsoring the 2009 Northeast Regional Autobody Automotive Trade Show. Rockland Exposition however understands your Executive Board has been researching other options to generate more income in this economically difficult time for the last two years. The core group of your long time volunteer member shops and allied businesses has been great over the past twenty years.

Rockland Exposition will continue to promote and manage a 2009 Northeast Regional Autobody/Automotive Trade Show (on the March 27, 28, 29, 2009 dates) at the Rockland Community College Arena, even with the loss of the AASP/NJ sponsorship. Rockland Exposition already secured and committed to these dates last year for the Northeast Regional event.

The 2009 Northeast Regional event will explore interest from other related groups and magazines to try and replace the AASP/NJ sponsorship for the 2009 event.

We have three attendee badges made for the Meadowlands Expo representatives as per Alicia's email. Please request that they do not arrive prior to 6pm. Please also remind them in advance that there is a strict "NO SOLICTING POLICY" enforced at this event. They can collect business cards, printed material and familiarize themselves with the products, just like when I attend other events; however, no soliciting for future vendors sales during this event. This will start on Monday, March 31, 2008.

ROCKLAND EXPOSITION, INC.

388 EAST MAIN STREET MIDDLETOWN, N.Y. 10940 845-343-2772 800-223-4648 845-344-1203 FAX

NORTHEAST REGIONAL AUTOBODY AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW

IF 'NO' DECISION FOR FUTURE:

- Fax or email 'no' letter to Rockland Exposition, Inc. by Monday 3/31/08
- Mail original letter registered mail to Rockland Exposition, Inc. by 4/4/08

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IF 'YES' DECISION FOR FUTURE:

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AASP/NJ COMMITMENT TO 2009 EVENT

- Fax or email 'yes' letter to Rockland Exposition, Inc. by Monday 3/31/08
- Mail original contracts and letter by 4/4/08 with \$3000.00 additional deposit due
- Provide theme and picture for printing of 2009 event materials by 4/7/08 final 2008 meeting.

AASP/NJ COMMITMENT TO 2010 EVENT

 Mail deposit of \$5000.00 for 2010 event to Rockland Exposition Inc. by May 15, 2008 (45 days after 2008 event.)

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Filed 08/08/2008



P.O. Box 734 Neptune, NJ 07753

Date:

March 26, 2008

From:

AASP/NJ Northeast Trade Show Committee

To:

Northeast 2008 Trade Show Vendors

Re:

Venue Change for 2009

The NORTHEAST Regional Autobody/Automotive Trade Show has for 30 years been a critically important event, both to AASP/NJ and to the automotive repair industry. We continually look for ways to improve the size and quality of the show, and to produce a "win-win" event for both vendors and participants. Keeping the show healthy and vibrant sometimes requires new thinking, the assumption of risk, and difficult decisions.

For the past year, the AASP/NJ Trade Show Committee has researched the possibility of moving our trade show to a new location in an effort to give the show a new face, and thus drive increased attendance. We have recently made the formal decision to move the 2009 NORTHEAST Trade show to the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, New Jersey on the weekend of March 20-22, 2009. We feel that this new location will result in an improved show for several reasons, including:

- A more convenient geographic area and a more attractive convention center for vendors and attendees;
- Eight times (8x) as many automotive repair shops within a 30 mile radius;
- Improved lodging, entertainment and dining options; and
- More sophisticated marketing strategies.

We are counting on your support as we transition to this new venue, and we give you our promise that we will do everything in our power to make NORTHEAST 2009 a great show that gives you, our vendors, compelling reasons to return. Our marketing representatives will be visiting your booth to introduce you to the 2009 NORTHEAST show and to answer any questions you might have. We also encourage you to stop by the AASP/NJ booth, where you will find representatives that are glad to share our vision for next year's show.

We would also like to invite you to a NORTHEAST 2009 "Open House Luncheon" at the Meadowlands Exposition Center this April 15th at noon for a first-hand look at the facility (you can also go online at www.mecexpo.com) and the services it offers.

We thank you in advance for your past, present and future support of the Northeast Trade Show.

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P.O. Box 734 Neptune, NJ 07753

Contact: Thomas Greco 973-667-6922

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AASP/NJ Moving 2009 NORTHEAST Show to Meadowlands Exposition Center

The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of New Jersey (AASP/NJ) announced today that their flagship event, the NORTHEAST automotive repair trade show, will be moving to the Meadowlands Exposition Center at Harmon Meadow in Secaucus, NJ in March 2009.

"We are thrilled and excited to be moving to such an impressive facility," AASP/NJ President Tom Elder says, "a facility that is built specifically for trade shows with all of the latest technology and accommodations to not only make our vendors stand out, but to also draw many, many more attendees."

The Meadowlands Exposition Center is a state-of-the-art facility located five miles from New York City. The MEC offers 61,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space with meeting rooms and banquet facilities all contained within the facility.

"We have been in Suffern for close to 20 years," Elder adds, "and frankly we have seen our

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attendance drop dramatically over the last three or four years. When we polled our membership and our vendors, the overwhelming reasons for lack of participation was the distance and the fact that the arena was outdated. When we asked if the Meadowlands was a more viable option, the response was incredibly positive,"

"Like the old saying goes, location is everything," Elder continues. "The MEC is accessible from all major interstate highways including the NJ Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway and it's just minutes from Newark Airport. The show hotels are all within walking distance and the parking for attendees and exhibitors surrounds the facility. Add the over 40 restaurants, movie theaters and retail shops along with the Meadowlands Sports Complex and I feel we have created an entirely new NORTHEAST experience."

Details for NORTHEAST 2009 at the Meadowlands Exposition Center will be available at this weekend's NORTHEAST 2008 show in Suffern, NY.

To find out more information on AASP/NJ, please visit the AASP/NJ website at www.aaspnj.org.

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March 27, 2008

Rockland Exposition, Inc.

388 East Main Street Middletown, NY 10940 via fax: 845-344-1203

Att: David McCarey, III, President

Re: AASP/NJ

Dear Mr. McCarey:

I have been retained by the AASP/NJ and this is in response to your letter of March 25, 2008.

I have reviewed the last written contract of April 26, 2004 and I make the following observations:

- 1. The Rockland Exposition agreed to promote, manage and operate the Northeast Regional Auto Body/Automotive Trade Show. This does not include ownership of show or the name, which is clearly owned by AASP-NJ;
 - 2. The contract has expired;
- 3. You have been notified that the upcoming event will be the last one held through your company for the present and foreseeable future;

Accordingly, you are on notice that you may not interfere with the actions of my client at the show, nor may you represent or attempt to promote the show at your site for the year 2009 or any future years. This includes inaccurate representations made to existing or prospective vendors and participants, as well as misleading and confusing potential participants by creating a similar and therefore competing trade show, and using a name that is similar to the Northeast Regional Autobody/Automotive Trade Show.

Moreover, my client is free to advertise and promote their 2009 show at their new location without any interference from you, your agents, employees or representatives. Should there be any form of misconduct on your behalf, you and your company will be subject to a lawsuit including, but not limited to tortious interference with contractual rights, interference with business relations, trade name infringement, defamation, among other claims.

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Please be guided accordingly.

Yours very truly,

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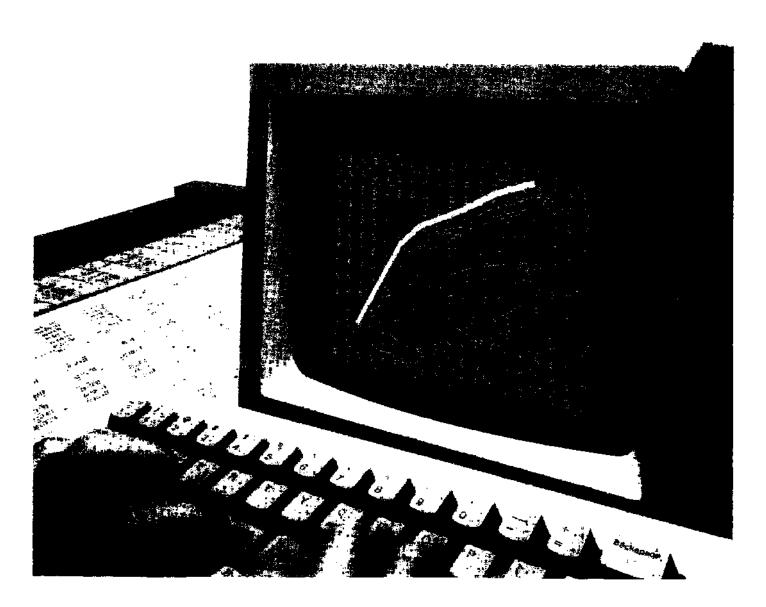
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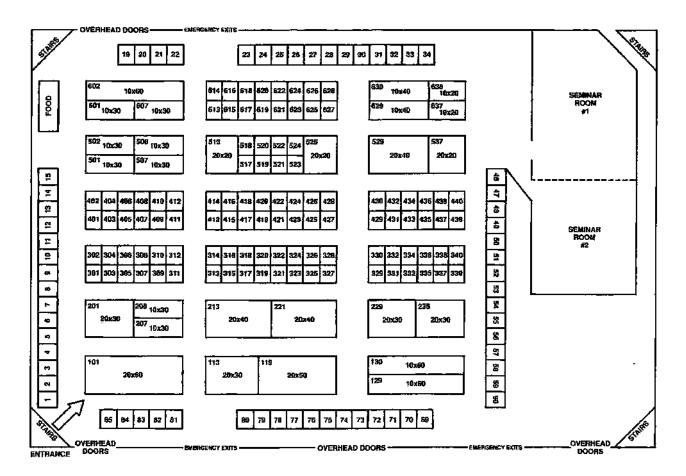


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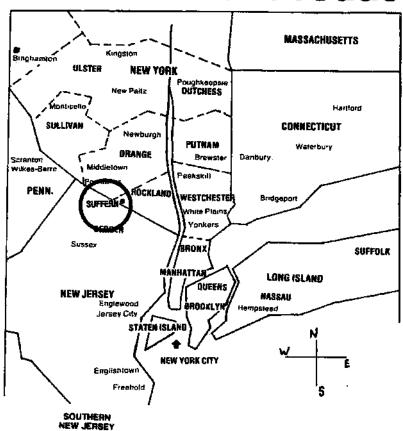
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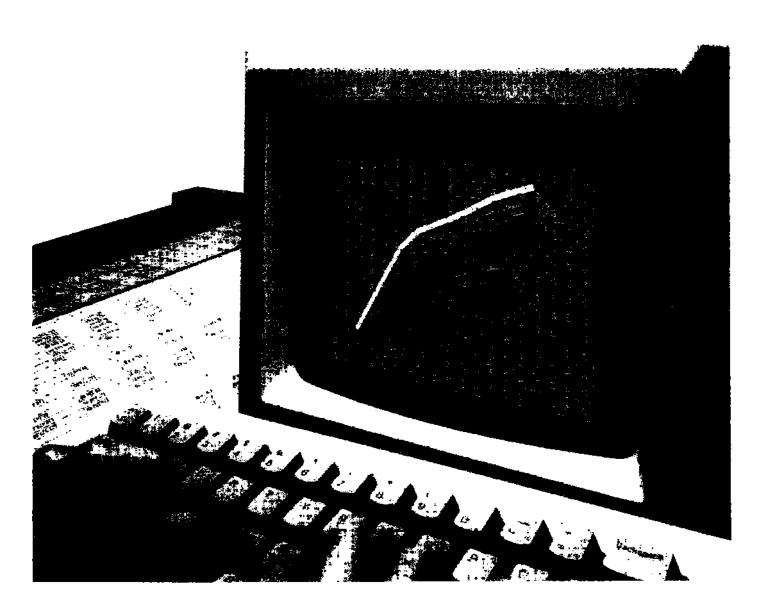
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1991 TRADE SHOW SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 LARGE EQUIPMENT MOVE-IN

8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

This includes all heavy display items that need to be trucked into the building, plus displays requiring forklift service important NOTE: This is the only day delivery vehicles will be allowed inside the Field House and the only time FORKLIFT SERVICE will be available during move-in. All display items are to be set inside your display area by 5 P.M., so the aisles may be carpeted.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

SMALL EQUIPMENT MOVE-IN

8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Hand carried items for smaller displays. All displays to be completed by 5 P.M. (No forklift service – No heavy equipment) • (No vehicles allowed inside today)

TRADE SHOW OPEN

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SATURDAY, APRIL 13

TRADE SHOW OPEN

10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

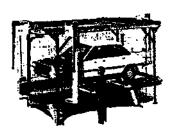
TRADE SHOW OPEN

10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

MOVE-OUT FOR ALL DISPLAY MATERIAL

3 P.M. – 6 P.M.

IMPORTANT NOTE: FORKLIFT SERVICE AND DELIVERY TRUCKS ALLOWED INSIDE AFTER 3:45 P.M.

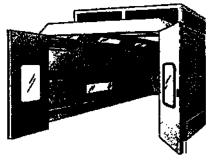


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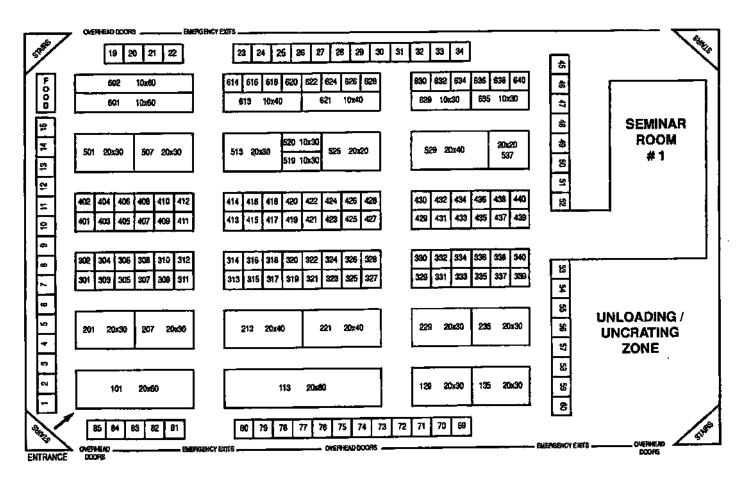


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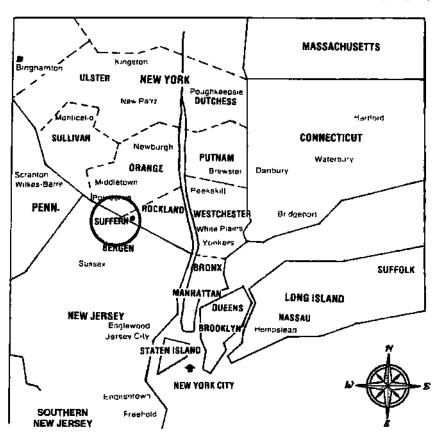
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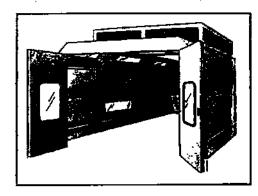
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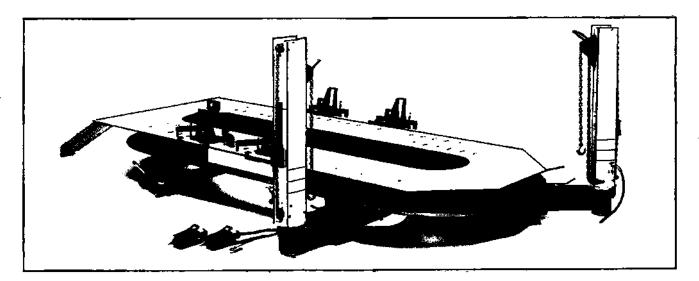
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10' X 10'	\$950.00	20' X 30'	\$4,425.00
10' X 15'	\$1,425.00	20' X 40'	\$5,675.00
10' X 20'	\$1,750.00	30' X 30'	\$6,250,00
10, X 30,	\$2,475.00	20' X 50'	\$6,825.00
10' X 40' or 20' X 20"	\$3,200.00	20' X 60' or 30' X 40"	\$7,975.00
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(Note: For a corner location, a minimum of two booths must be booked)

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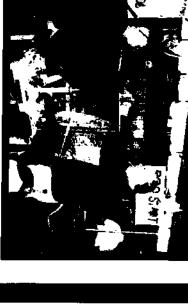
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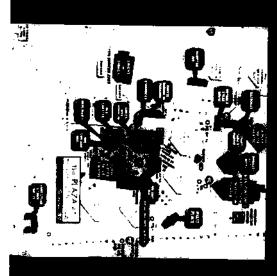
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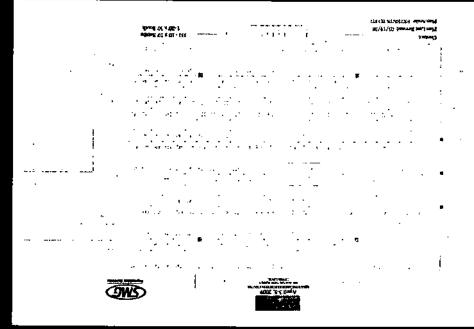
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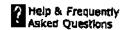
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AASP/NJ Explains NORTHEAST Show

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The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of New Jersey (AASP/NJ) announced late last month that they would be moving their 32nd annual NORTHEAST Automotive Trade Show to the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, NJ.

Recently, AASP/NJ President Tom Elder explained the move and the high expectations AASP/NJ has for the 2009 show.

Q: AASP/NJ has held its NORTHEAST show in Suffern, New York for almost two decades. Why change now?

Tom Elder: First let me give you some background on the show. We first ran the event in the mid-'70s as a tabletop show for a few of our vendors. One of the Association's founding fathers, George Threlfall, put the whole thing together and it took off immediately. Within a few years, the show had grown so much that we moved to the much bigger Hilton in Secaucus and then the Sheraton in the Meadowlands.

Q: Why did you move to Suffern?

TE: By that time, around 1990, we had outgrown the Sheraton and we began looking for a bigger facility. Back then, the exposition center industry was just beginning so we really didn't have anywhere to go without traveling a great distance. We met up with Rockland Expositions and Dave McCarey. He brought us to the Suffern Arena and it was certainly big enough. We just didn't know if our attendees would travel to a facility that far away. So we hired Rockland Expositions to manage the show for us.

Q: Obviously with the success of the show, you were able to get attendees to travel.

TE: Initially it was tough, but through AASP/NJ's persistence, we were able to get automotive professionals to come up and check out the show. The first year in Suffern, I believe we only had about 10 more vendors, so we were concerned at the beginning. But

after a few years, the show took off. It became the East Coast focus for the collision and mechanical repair industry.

Q: So why the move back to New Jersey?

TE: Over the last four or five years, we have seen a drop in attendance and in booth sales. We spent countless hours looking for solutions and coming up with new ideas to turn that around. An example of that was giving away a Harley, which we did the last two years. In spite of the buzz that the Harley generated, growth didn't happen. This year's attendance was below expectations. Last year, we did a CSI of vendors who had stopped coming to the show and the top two reasons they gave for dropping out were attendance and location. They felt Suffern was too remote.

Q: Did the relationship with Rockland Expositions change?

TE: As I said, we had a great run with Rockland and Dave McCarey. But last year we sat down with them and requested a new marketing strategy. Since they were the managers of the show, and they controlled the marketing and the sales, we wanted some new ideas from them on how to improve attendance.

Q: Did Rockland come up with anything?

TE: They made some minor changes but it was the same venue with basically the same approach. The poor result is unacceptable to AASP/ NJ and our vendors. It was time to move on.

Q: How did you decide on the Meadowlands?

TE: We looked around and met with a few different exposition centers and what we found was that things had changed dramatically since we had moved to Suffern. First of all, due to the competition among the exposition center industry, prices had come down and the labor costs were nowhere near what we had heard they'd be. Once we met with the Meadowlands and saw their state-of-the-art facility and location, we were very interested. We attended a few shows at the site and came away extremely impressed. Everything about the location was a positive. Parking surrounds the facility. Five hotels are within walking distance. Restaurants, shops and bars are everywhere. They have the racetrack and the arena. A new state-of-the-art theme park, Xanadu, will be opening a few months prior to our show. And it's five miles from the heart of New York City. There are so many attractive things about the location; we felt it would be foolish not to.

Q: What about attendees?



TE: We contacted a mailing house to find out how many shops were within a 30-mile area of both the Meadowlands and Suffern. They reported there are approximately 1,200 shops within a 30-mile radius of Suffern. There are almost 10,000 shops within the same distance to the Meadowlands! That's not even including all of Central and South Jersey, areas in which shops have told us Suffern was just too far. Nor does it include the thousands of shops in the boroughs of New York or shops in Massachusetts, New York State, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and other states up and down the East Coast. At the Meadowlands, access is simple from everywhere in the country. It is five miles from Newark Airport; Interstate 95 runs right past it and every major highway in the state will bring you there. We are going to make NORTHEAST 2009 a must-see show. We expect to triple our attendees from Suffern.

Q: How are you going to market all of these improvements?

TE: We have two great resources to market our show. First, we have hired SGW Marketing to put together a comprehensive marketing plan that will target attendees from the entire Northeast region. SGW's clients include Sony, JVC and New Jersey Travel and Tourism, so we know we have taken a dramatic leap upward in our marketing strategy. We will have a new website, electronic marketing, press releases, online space booking and online promotion; these are things we fought for years for but were never able to get from Rockland Expositions. We also have Greco Publishing, publishers of automotive trade publications throughout the Northeast. They will be making a concentrated effort to promote and feature NORTHEAST 2009 and its vendors in such publications as New Jersey Automotive, New England Automotive Report and Hammer & Dolly throughout the next 12 months.

Q: What about the rumors of a competing show at the same time?

TE: I'd like to clear this up once and for all. AASP/NJ is a non-profit association that is made up of over 450 automotive professionals. AASP/NJ's NORTHEAST Automotive Trade Show is the only show with a 32-year history of strong industry sponsorship and support. All of the profits go right back into improving and educating our Industry, helping our members become better and successful businesspeople. It allows the Association to hire lobbyists to fight for our rights as an industry. It allows us to hold meetings to inform and educate our industry. It allows our industry to have a strong voice; not only in Trenton but also across the country. I don't know of any vendor who would rather support an independent company instead of an association who fights for and represents the industry purchasing their products. AASP/NJ has been giving back to the industry through the NORTHEAST show for 32 years. Vendors know and support

the Association and the goodwill they generate by participating with our members and the industry. The only place to exhibit to reach industry professionals continues to be at the 32nd annual NORTHEAST Automotive Trade Show.

To find out more information on AASP/NJ and NORTHEAST 2009, please visit the AASP/NJ website at www.aaspnj.org.

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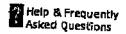
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The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of New Jersey (AASP/NJ) announced the launch of a new Web site for their annual tradeshow event scheduled to be held at the Meadowlands Exposition Center (MEC) in March 2009. The OFFICIAL NORTHEAST 2009 site is www.aaspnjnortheast.com.

The new site offers information about the NORTHEAST show and AASP/NJ. An integral part of the site is the interactive floor plan, which allows vendors to see which booths have been booked and which locations best serve their needs. Also included is AASP/NJ's advanced NORTHEAST marketing plan that was developed to entice the over 75, 000 automotive repair shops in the NORTHEAST to attend the Meadowlands show.

The site also features links to nearby attractions such as the Meadowlands Sports Complex, New York City, Broadway and the new theme park, Xanadu.

AASP/NJ President Tom Elder said, "For the first time in 32 years, we can say the show has a 21st century online presence. This forward-thinking type of site is what AASP/NJ has been attempting to get from our show producers for the last decade. Although it took some serious changes to get to where we wanted to go, I think one look at the website justifies everything. We are proud to be represented by www.aaspnjnortheast.com."

"Our priority in moving to the Meadowlands was to attract as many automotive professionals as we could to a place where they would want to go, where there are so many advantages that it would be a mistake to go anywhere else," Elder continues. "One visit to the site and you'll see we are on our way to accomplishing that "

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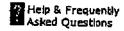
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AASP NJ Reports Record Vendor Signups Ahead of NORTHEAST Show 62008

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The Automotive Service Providers of New Jersey (AASP/NJ) report that vendors are signing up at a record pace for the association's 2009 trade show at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, NJ.

"I can't remember having this many exhibitors signed up this early," AASP/NJ President Tom Elder says. "I believe we have over 30 vendors committed to the show and it's only June. The excitement of the move and all of the opportunities the Meadowlands present, I feel, are the main reasons we have seen such an avid interest in the 2009 show."

NORTHEAST 2009 will take place March 20-22, 2009. Among the latest to book their booths are Chassis Liner, Sherwin Williams, Wurth USA, Hunter Engineering and Kent Automotive. Some of the first to sign up for the exposition included Mitchell International, Collision Services, and Hella Inc.

Elder said, "A commitment to AASP/NJ's NORTHEAST 2009 show is a commitment to our industry. We greatly appreciate their support and will do everything we can to promote their allegiance to our industry."

AASP/NJ has been sponsoring the NORTHEAST show for over 30 years. This is the first year the show will be held at the Meadowlands. Organizers are expecting over 200 vendors to sign up and welcome the estimated 9,000 attendees at the Meadowlands in March. "Everything we've done has been with the intent to bring more people to the show," Elder explains.

AASP/NJ's NORTHEAST 2009 will also feature the latest in technical and educational seminars, including I-CAR classes as well as the nationally known SCRS Leadership Conference.

For more information about AASP/NJ's NORTHEAST 2009 show at the Meadowlands visit www.aaspnjnortheast.com.

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March 31, 2008

Mr. David McCarey, III President Rockland Exposition, Inc. 388 East Main Street Middletown, N.Y. 10940

Re: Alliance of Automotive Service Providers (AASP) – Rockland Exposition, Inc.

Dear Sir:

- I am litigation counsel to AASP/NJ and have been briefed regarding recent communications and events involving my client and your company. I have been requested to advise you as clearly as possible as follows:
- AASP/NJ has elected to sever its business relationship with Rockland Exposition, Inc. and will not be entering into any agreements with you involving its planned 2009 Trade Show.
- 2. The mark Northeast Regional Autobody / Automotive Trade Show is clearly and unequivocally the property of AASP/NJ and neither that mark nor any variation which would tend assure you that my clients will immediately commence litigation if they learn you are violating their property rights.
- 3. We understand that you have been in contact with vendors and others who have traditionally participated in the AASP Northeast Regional shows for the purpose of inducing them not to participate in AASP's planned 2009 Northeast Regional Show. Those actions alone may potentially subject you to liability. Further, if you make any untrue statements about AASP/NJ's trade show activities, including but not limited to, the cost of a vendor to participate, you will be sued. Please be guided accordingly.

Very trady yours,

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June 9, 2008

VIA E-MAIL, CONFIRMATION BY MAIL

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RE: Rockland Exposition, Inc., and Rockland Expo Services, Inc. v.

Alliance of Automotive Service Providers, New Jersey; Tom Elder, Thomas Greco, Glenn Villacari, et al.

Our File No.: 10080

Dear Mr. Mackevich:

We are intellectual property lawyers for Rockland Exposition, Inc. (REI), and Rockland Expo Services, Inc (RES). We write in response to your letter of May 20, 2008.

Our clients recently learned that your clients have announced in advertising on the Internet and by solicitation of our clients' exhibitors and vendors that they will present a NORTHEAST 2009 TRADE SHOW in the Meadowlands at precisely the same time as our clients' NORTHEAST trade show is to be presented in nearby Rockland County, New York. A copy of your clients' Internet advertisement is attached. We also attach our client REI's advertisement for the competing trade show.

We are also advised that your clients have taken and are making unauthorized use of our clients' proprietary vendors and attendees lists (Lists) to establish this new competing trade show. In addition, your clients, to advance their wrongful conduct, have infringed upon the copyright our clients in their promotional materials by directly

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copying that material in their advertisements and Internet solicitations. Further, your clients have breached their contract with our client REI under which they agreed to participate in our clients' NORTHEAST trade show in 2009.

The unauthorized use of the service mark NORTHEAST, the theft of clients' trade secrets, infringement of their copyrights, breach of contract and interference with contracts and future business activities occasions the writing of this letter.

Our client REI has, for over thirty-five years, been the exclusive owner of the service mark NORTHEAST to identify trade shows in the automotive industry and has, since 1989, presented the NORTHEAST REGIONAL AUTO BODY/AUTOMOTIVE TRADE SHOW under written consecutive two-year contracts with your clients and its predecessors. Under these contracts your clients recognize our client REI's full and exclusive control of the NORTHEAST trade show. Further, your clients have contractually agreed that the Lists are the exclusive property of our clients.

Our clients extensively promote, advertise, and sell their services of running trade shows for the automotive industry for over thirty-five years under their NORTHEAST service mark. The use by your clients of our clients' mark NORTHEAST in advertising, promotion, and the engagement of exhibitors and vendors is causing confusion and significant dilution of our client's right to its mark. Not only are our clients' services being confused with your client's proposed show, but conversely, your clients' services are being confused with our clients' services. As such, your clients' use of NORTHEAST interferes with our clients' business activities, causes our clients great financial harm, and, in addition to compensable financial damage, is producing irreparable harm and damage. Further damage can only be prevented by your clients immediate cessation of their wrongful conduct.

The use by your clients of the identical mark NORTHEAST, especially in view that they have been under contract with our client since 1989 REI, is irrefutable

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evidence of your clients' wilful intent to infringe and to trade off the goodwill and marketing concepts of our clients and to destroy our client's long-standing trade show businesses in the automotive industry.

It is the policy of our clients to vigorously defend their exclusive rights to their service mark, observance of their exclusive right in their copyrights and trade secrets, and adherence to its contracts. Pursuant to that policy, we have been authorized to take all steps necessary to protect the exclusivity of these rights, including, if necessary, resort to the courts.

Your clients' wrongful and knowing adoption of our client's mark NORTHEAST constitutes wilful trademark infringement and unfair competition under the common law. It also constitutes a violation of § 43(a) of the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)) as constituting a false designation of origin and false description of representation concerning your clients' services as well as violations of the statutory laws of the States of New York and New Jersey. For these wrongful acts our clients are entitled to an injunction and an award of treble damages and attorneys' fees. Lanham Act § 25 (15 U.S.C. § 1117).

Your clients' wrongful copying and distribution of our clients' advertising constitutes wilful infringement under the Copyright Act (17 U.S.C. § 501). As such our client is entitled to an injunction barring further use of its works (17 U.S. § 502); impoundment of all copies of the infringing works (17 U.S.C. § 503); and actual damages (17 U.S.C. §504(b)).

Accordingly, on behalf of our clients, we demand that your clients:

- (a) Immediately cease and desist from all use of NORTHEAST to advertise, promote, or otherwise produce their 2009 trade show;
- (b) Assign to our clients all contracts entered into with those vendors and exhibitors taken from the Lists;
- (c) Cease and desist immediately from further use of the Lists;

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- (d) Pay over all moneys obtained and to be obtained from contracts of any nature with those entities those set forth in the Lists; and
- (e) Pay all sums due under the contract with our client, including all lost profits.

Unless we receive word from you, in writing, within one (1) week of the date of this e-mailed, confirmation by mail, letter acknowledging that all commercial activities with regard to clients' use of NORTHEAST, the Lists, and our clients' copyrighted works has been halted, and that we shall be immediately provided with a full accounting, we will be forced to take further legal action to insure that our client's exclusive rights and contracts are respected.

In commencing this action, we will plead, among other causes of action, trademark infringement, copyright infringement, theft of trade secrets, tortious interference with contractual relations, tortious interference with business relations, and breach of contract. The action shall be commenced in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, in the United States Courthouse at 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, New York 10601-4150. At that time we will make an application for a temporary restraining order barring your clients' infringing activities. Unless we resolve this matter immediately, we expect to commence this action in or about July 7, 2008. As this date approaches, we will advise you of the specific date and time we plan to approach the court so that you may attend. You are further cautioned that any attempt to commence an action in another jurisdiction is forum shopping for which additional relief and sanctions shall be sought.

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Our clients have authorized us to take all steps necessary protect their interests and to seek financial recovery and, as indicated, preliminary and permanent injunctive relief. If it is necessary, we will take such action forthwith as indicated. Accordingly, we hope to hear from you within the one week period stated above.

Very truly yours, FURGANG & ADWAR, L.L.P.

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Re:

Association of Automotive Service Providers of New Jersey

v. Rockland Exposition, Inc. Our File No.: AASP-001

Dear Mr. Furgang:

I have recently been retained by the Association of Automotive Service Providers of New Jersey in connection with your client's claims set forth in your letter of June 9, 2008 to Mr. Mackevich. I am in the process of reviewing your letter and gathering the appropriate facts from my client. I expect to be able to provide a response to your letter in a couple of days.

Sincefely,

Arthur M. Peslak

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Defendants.	**
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Plaintiff, the Association of Automotive Service Providers of New Jersey ("AASP/NJ"), through its attorneys Mandel & Peslak, LLC, hereby allege as follows:

THE PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff, Association of Automotive Service Providers of New Jersey ("AASP/NJ") is a trade organization of independent businesses incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in New Jersey offering automotive collision and repair services having an address of 3633 State Roule 33, Post Office Box 734, Neptune, New Jersey 07753.
- 2. Upon information and belief, Defendant, Rockland Exposition, Inc., is a New York corporation with an address at 388 East Main Street, Middletown, New York 10940.

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David McCarey, III is the President of Defendant Rockland Exposition, Inc. and, 3. upon information and belief, is a resident of the State of New York.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This is a Civil Action arising under the Federal Trademark Act of 1947, as 4. amended, 15 U.S.C. § 1051, et. seq., the common law of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Unfair Competition Act, N.J.S.A. § 56:4-1, et. seq., and the New Jersey Trademark Act, N.J.S.A. § 56:3-13.1a, et. seq. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 1125, 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 28 U.S.C. § 1367. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) in that a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred and a substantial part of property that is the subject of this motion is situated within this judicial district.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

BACKGROUND OF PLAINTIFF'S USE OF THE MARK "NORTHEAST"

- Since March of 1978, Plaintiff and/or its predecessors in interest have been 5. sponsoring an annual trade show ("the AASP/NJ Annual Trade Show") at which various companies exhibit their goods/services. In addition, the show also provides seminars on current topics of interest to Plaintiff's members. The AASP/NI Annual Trade Show is tailored to the needs of automotive collision and mechanical repair professionals so as to foster the members' success in the automotive repair industry.
- Initially, the AASP/NJ Annual Trade Show was a relatively small event located in 6. Rochelle Park, New Jersey. The original show was primarily a local New Jersey centered event.

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The AASP/NJ Annual Trade Show grew quickly in the late 1970's and the venue eventually moved to the Hilton in Secaucus and later the Sheraton in the Mcadowlands.

- 7. By the mid-1980's, the event became a regional event drawing a significant number of participants and exhibitors from throughout the Northeast United States and not merely from New Jersey.
- 8. As early as the 1985 show, Plaintiff's prodecessors in interest began referring to its Annual Trade Show as the "Northeast" Autobody Congress and Trade Show. A true copy of a promotional flyer for the 1985 show is attached hereto as Exhibit I.
- 9. Since 1985, Plaintiff and its predecessors in interest have extensively and continuously promoted its "Northeast" trade show through advertising and other means.
- 10. The AASP/NJ Annual Trade Show continued to prosper and grow in the late 1980's and eventually outgrew its venue at the Mezdowlands Sherzton.
- 11. Consequently, Plaintiff began to look for a larger venue for its rapidly expanding trade show.
- 12. Several years after it began using the mark NORTHEAST to promote its show, in or about 1990, Plaintiff entered into an agreement with Defendant to manage the AASP/NJ Annual Trade show.
- At Defendant's suggestion, Plaintiff moved its show from the Meadowlands to Suffern, New York.
- 14. Plaintiff hired Defendant to manage the show for it and to promote the show as a NORTHEAST regional event.

- 15. Defendant managed the AASP/NJ Annual Trade Show on an annual basis for Plaintiff pursuant to a series of contracts through the March 2008 trade show. From 1990 until March, 2008, the show was held in Suffern, New York.
- 16. During the time that Defendant was managing the show on behalf of Plaintiff, the show was promoted, in the most recent years, as the "Northeast Regional Autobody/Automotive Trade Show." A true copy of the promotional literature for the 2008 show is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.
- 17. As set forth in Exhibit 2, Defendants acknowledge that the show was the 31st Annual AASP/NJ NORTHEAST 2008 Regional Autobody/Automotive Trade Show.
- 18. During the time that Defendants managed the AASP/NJ Annual Trade Show, Plaintiff paid all of the advertising expenses for promoting the Northeast shows. Thus, the good will associated with the mark NORTHEAST accrues to Plaintiff.
- 19. Although the AASP/NJ Annual Trade Show continued to grow initially, the growth of the show declined in the last several years.
- 20. Consequently, Plaintiff began to investigate options for restoring growth to Plaintiff's show.
- 21. Plaintiff provided Defendant an opportunity to present an alternative marketing plan to reignite the growth of Plaintiff's show. However, Defendant failed to provide a plan acceptable to Plaintiff.
- 22. Plaintiff decided to move its annual show back to the New Jersey Meadowlands and terminated the management agreement with Defendant.

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23. Plaintiff publicly announced that it would hold its "Northeast 2009 Trade Show" on March 20, 21 and 22, 2009 at the Meadowlands Exposition Center.

DEFENDANT'S DECEPTIVE MARKETING SCHEME

- 24. After Plaintiff communicated to Defendant that it was terminating the management agreement with Defendants, Defendant David McCarey, III indicated to Plaintiff his intention to sponsor a competing trade show that would be scheduled for the same time as Plaintiff's 2009 Northeast Trade Show.
- 25. After Plaintiff's public announcement of its "Northeast 2009 Trade Show," Defendant announced it would hold a "20th Northeast Regional 2009 Trade Show" on the very same days, i.e., March 20, 21 and 22, 2009. Further, Defendants announced that Defendants' renegade show would be held at the same site as Plaintiff's previous shows, i.e. the Rockland Community College Field House in Suffern, New York. Defendants' renegade show is being promoted as an exhibition of "Equipment, Supplies and Related Services for the Collision and Automotive Service Industry." A true copy of a promotional flyer for Defendant's show is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.
- 26. Defendants began soliciting the exhibitors and attendees of the shows it previously managed for Plaintiff. Thus, Defendant is using Plaintiff's confidential business information concerning the attendees at Plaintiff's prior shows to promote its competing trade show.
- 27. Defendants continue to maintain advertisements on its website for Plaintiff's NORTHEAST 2008 show which is identified by Defendant therein as the "31st Annual AASP/NJ Trade Show."

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- 28. Despite the acknowledgement on its own website that the 2008 show was, in fact, AASP/NJ's 31st annual trade show, Defendant now advertises its renegade 2009 show as its 20th annual event. To further confuse the public, Defendants even list the exhibitors who attended Plaintiff's 2008 show in the promotion of Defendants' renegade 2009 show.
- 29. Plaintiff has been contacted by several exhibitors/attendees of its 2008 Northeast Show because they believed Defendants' renegade 2009 Show was, in fact, sponsored by Plaintiff. Thus, Defendants' deceptive marketing practices are causing actual confusion in the marketplace.
- 30. Despite the fact that Plaintiff paid the advertising expenses for its prior Northeast shows. Defendants have recently claimed that they are entitled to exclusively use the mark NORTHEAST in connection with automotive trade shows. However, the most recent management contract between Plaintiff and Defendants makes no mention of Defendants' claim to NORTHEAST. In fact, Defendants never made such a claim prior to the termination of the management agreement by Plaintiff.
- 31. The fact that Defendants merely managed the shows for Plaintiff is further confirmed by the Exhibitor's Contract for the 2008 Northeast Show. The exhibitors for that show contracted directly with Plaintiff and made payments directly to Plaintiff. Defendants signed the contracts as manager of the show for Plaintiff. A true copy of one such exhibitor contract is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.
- 32. Defendants' willful actions including, but not limited to, deceptive trade practices, unfair competition and trademark infringement have caused and, unless enjoined by the Court, will continue to cause irreparable injury and financial harm to Plaintiff.

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COUNT I

FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN

- 33. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 32 hereof with the same force and affect as if set forth herein at length.
- 34. Defendants' unauthorized and willful use of Plaintiff's common law trademark "Northeast" in promoting its renegade 20TH NORTHEAST REGIONAL 2009 TRADE SHOW tends to falsely represent that Defendants are connected with or that Defendants' activities are authorized by Plaintiff and is likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive as to the affiliation, connection or association of Defendants with Plaintiff, or as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of Defendants' services by Plaintiff. Any failure of Defendants to maintain acceptable standards of quality and service will reflect adversely on Plaintiff and cause irreparable harm to Plaintiff.
- 35. Plaintiff has no control over the quality of the services provided by Defendants, and because of the confusion as to the source engendered by Defendants, Plaintiff's valuable good will in respect of its trademark is at the mercy of Defendants.
- 36. Said actions of Defendants constitute a violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a) in that such false designations and representations of origin and quality have been and continue to be used in connection with the services offered by Defendants and which affect commerce.
- 37. Defendants' false designation of origin and quality has caused substantial and irreparable damage and injury to Plaintiff, for which Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

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COUNT II

DILUTION

- 38. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 37 hereof with the same force and affect as if set forth herein at length.
- 39. Defendants' actions constitute a violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c) in that such use of "Northeast" in connection with Defendants' renegade 20TH NORTHEAST REGIONAL 2009 TRADE SHOW has caused and will continue to cause dilution of the distinctive quality of Plaintiff's mark NORTHEAST in connection with Plaintiff's trade show.

COUNT III

COMMON LAW UNFAIR COMPETITION

- 40. This count arises under the New Jersey common law of Unfair Competition. Jurisdiction is supplemental to Count I pursuant to U.S.C. § 1367. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391.
- 41. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 40 hereof with the same force and affect as if set forth herein at length.
- 42. By Defendants' unauthorized and willful use of "Northeast" in connection with its renegade 20TH NORTHEAST REGIONAL 2009 TRADE SHOW, Defendants are guilty of unfair competition in violation of the New Jersey Common Law of Unfair Competition and is likely to cause confusion, mistake or to deceive the public.
- 43. Defendants' unlawful conduct will continue to damage and cause irreparable injury to Plaintiff unless enjoined by this court. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

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COUNT IV

NEW JERSEY STATUTORY UNFAIR COMPETITION

- 44. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 43 hereof with the same force and affect as if set forth herein at length.
- 45. Defendants' unauthorized and willful use of "Northeast" in connection with its renegade 20TH NORTHEAST REGIONAL 2009 TRADE SHOW in connection with its offering and marketing of scrvices constitutes appropriation of Plaintiff's trademark, reputation and good will in direct violation of the New Jersey Unfair Competition Act, N.J.S.A. § 56:4-1.
- 46. The activities of Defendants alleged herein have caused and, if not enjoined, will continue to cause, irreparable harm to the rights of Plaintiff. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

COUNT V

NEW_JERSEY TRADEMARK ACT

- 47. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 46 hercof with the same force and affect as if set forth herein at length.
- 48. Defendants' unauthorized and willful use of "Northeast" in connection with its renegade 20TH NORTHEAST REGIONAL 2009 TRADE SHOW in connection with its offering and marketing of services constitutes appropriation of Plaintiff's trademark, in direct violation of the New Jersey Trademark Act, N.J.S.A. § 56:3-13.16.
- 49. The activities of Defendants alleged herein have caused and, if not enjoined, will continue to cause, irreparable harm to the rights of Plaintiff. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

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COUNT VI

TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE

- 50. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 49 hereof with the same force and affect as if set forth herein at length.
- 51. Defendants have willfully, intentionally and maliciously interfered with Plaintiff's prospective economic advantage by contacting exhibitors and attendees of Plaintiff's prior shows and induced and continues to induce those exhibitors and attendees to contract with Defendants rather than Plaintiff for the 2009 Northeast trade show.
- 52. Defendants have done this by <u>inter alia</u> intentionally deceiving the public into believing its 2009 Trade Show is a continuation of Plaintiff's NORTHEAST Trade Show that Defendants previously managed for Plaintiff.
- 53. Plaintiff has been damaged by Defendant's willful and malicious actions as alleged herein.

COUNT VII

MISAPPROPRIATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION

- 54. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 53 hereof with the same force and affect as if set forth herein at length.
- 55. Pursuant to the contract between the parties, Defendants agreed that Plaintiff's membership list remained its property.
- 56. Defendants are using Plaintiff's confidential membership lists to advertise and promote its renegade 2009 show.

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- 57. Defendants are using confidential statistical information concerning the attendees at Plaintiff's prior shows to induce exhibitors to sign up for Defendants' renegade 2009 show rather than for Plaintiff's 2009 show.
- 58. Plaintiff has been irreparably injured and financial damaged by Defendants' misappropriation of its proprietary and confidential information.

COUNT VIII

ACCOUNTING

- 59. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 58 hereof with the same force and affect as if set forth herein at length.
- 60. Defendants' responsibilities for the prior trade show included <u>inter alia</u> managing the finances of the show and reconciling the amounts due to Plaintiff.
- 61. Given Defendant's deception, Plaintiff demands an audit to verify Defendant's prior accounting.
- 62. Plaintiff demands an accounting from Defendants to reconcile all accounts from prior shows.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment that:

(a) Defendants have, by their unauthorized use of a mark confusingly similar to Plaintiff's common-law trademark, infringed the common-law trademark, used and applied false designations of origin, diluted the distinctive quality of Plaintiff's trademark, competed unfairly with Plaintiff and have injured Plaintiff's good will and business reputation, in violation of Federal and State Law and has done so willfully all to the detriment of Plaintiff.

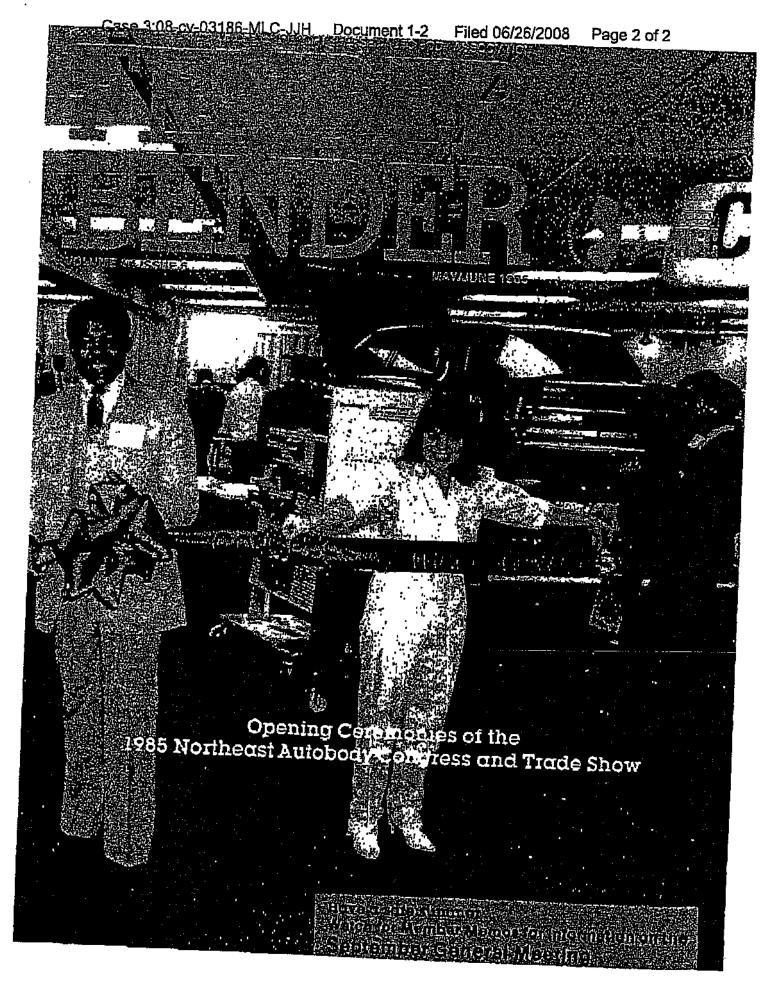
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- (b) Defendants, their agents, servants, employees, successors and assigns and all persons in active concert, privity, or participation with Defendants, be preliminarily and permanently enjoined from infringing upon the Plaintiff's common-law trademark, from using any false designation or false description or representation, from engaging in any act or series of acts which either alone or in combination constitutes deceptive or unfair methods of competition by Defendants with Plaintiff and from otherwise interfering with or injuring the business reputation of Plaintiff, or diluting the distinctive quality of the Plaintiff's trademark or the good will associated therewith.
- (c) Defendants be required to account for and pay over to Plaintiff, Defendants' profits and any damages suffered by Plaintiff as a result of Defendants' acts of trademark infringement, false designation of origin, false advertising and unfair competition, together with interest and costs.
- (d) Defendants be required to pay to Plaintiff an amount three times the profits of Defendants or damages of Plaintiff.
 - (e) Defendants be required to pay an award of statutory damages to Plaintiff.
- (f) Defendants be required to cease all use of the mark 20TH NORTHEAST REGIONAL 2009 TRADE SHOW, or any mark confusingly similar to Plaintiff's common-law trademark.
- (g) Defendants be required to contact all persons who have responded to its solicitation for their renegade 20th Northeast Regional Trade Show and inform them that its trade show is not sponsored by Plaintiff and refer all such persons to Plaintiff.

- (h) Defendants be required to provide to Plaintiff a list of all persons who contacted Defendants in response to its solicitation for its renegade 2009 show.
- (i) Defendants be required to refund any deposits it has already received from exhibitors who were mislead by its deceptive marketing.
- (j) Defendants be ordered to surrender for destruction all promotional materials, signs, labels, advertisements and other materials constituting infringement of Plaintiff's trademark.
- (k) Defendants be deemed to have misappropriated Plaintiff's confidential business information and tortiously interfered with Plaintiff's prospective economic advantage and be required to pay all common law damages and punitive damages to Plaintiff for such tortious interference and misappropriation of Plaintiff's confidential business information.
- (I) Defendants be required to pay Plaintiff the costs of this action, together with reasonable attorney's fees, costs and disbursements.
- (m) Defendants be required to account for all monies received and disbursed for the trade shows it managed for Plaintiff.
- (n) Plaintiff be awarded such other and further relief, as this Court deems just and equitable.

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

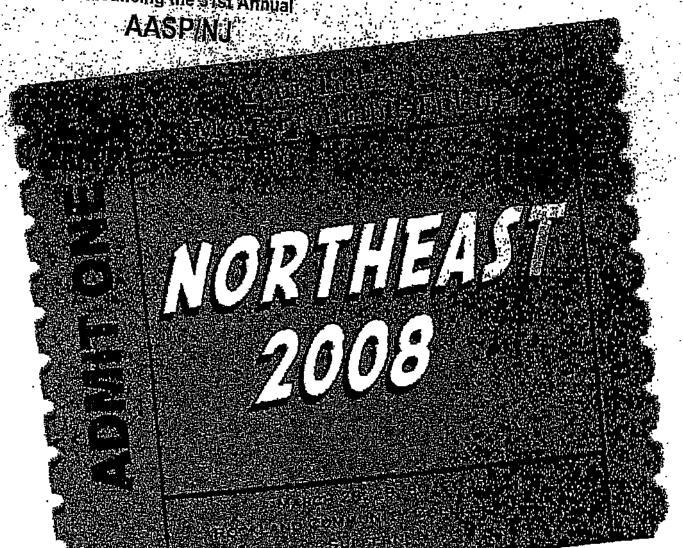
Plaintiff demands trial by jury on all issues so triable in this matter.



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EXHIBIT 2

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The Northeast Region's Largest Event for the Collision and Mechanical Repair Professional

Northeast 2008 Regional Autobody/Automotive Trade Show March 28, 29, 30, 2008

Rockland Community College Arena • Suffern, New York

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Via Facsimile and First Class Mail

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> Re: Association of Automotive Service Providers of New Jersey

> > v. Rockland Exposition, Inc. Our File No.: AASP-001

Dear Mr. Furgang:

I have now gathered the appropriate facts from my client. I am now in a position to respond to the claims of your client set forth in your letter of June 9, 2008.

First, your client was hired by my client to manage my client's annual Northeast trade shows beginning in 1990. Even now, your client maintains a brochure for the 2008 show on its website. The brochure is entitled "Announcing the 31st Annual AASP/NJ . . . Northeast 2008 Regional Autobody/Automotive Trade Show." The last page of that brochure states the show is "Managed for AASP/NJ by Rockland Exposition, Inc." I refer you to http://rocklandexpo.com/ pdf/northeast2008brochure.pdf.

Second, my client and their predecessors in interest began using the mark "Northeast" in connection with their annual show in 1985. As you know, your client did not begin to manage the AASP/NJ show until 1990.

Third, during the time that your client managed my client's show, my client paid for all the advertising expenses to promote the "Northeast" trade show. Thus, any goodwill associated with the show and the mark accrues to my client. Your client's claim that he used Northeast for 35 years is belied by his own website where he states that he has been in business since 1983 not 1973.

Fourth, your client is now engaged in a deceptive marketing campaign to direct exhibitors from my client's 2009 show to his 2009 show. For example, your client now calls his show the "20th Annual" although the 2008 show appears on his website as the "31st Annual AASP/NJ Show." He maintains a list of exhibitors at my client's 2008 show in the area of his website Philip Furgang, Esq. Page 2 June 27, 2008

where he promotes his 2009 show. Obviously he is using my client's name and goodwill to divert business.

Fifth, several exhibitors from the 2008 show have come to my client after being contacted by your client regarding his 2009 show. These exhibitors indicated they thought your client's advertisements related to the 2009 AASP/NJ show. Thus, we have evidence of actual confusion.

As a result of our investigation and the, at best, disingenuous representations made by your clients, we have filed a lawsuit today against your clients in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. I enclose a copy of the filed Complaint. Our intention is to seek a preliminary injunction against your client unless your client agrees as follows:

- 1. Cease and desist from his use of "20th Annual Northeast" in connection with his 2009 trade show;
- 2. Reschedule the trade show for a date that does not conflict with my client's trade show;
- 3. Provide us with a list of all persons your client has communicated with in connection with his 2009 trade show;
- 4. Place a prominent disclaimer on any advertising for his 2009 trade show, including his website, that the 2009 show is not sponsored by or affiliated with AASP/NJ in any way;
- 5. Provide a refund of any deposit to anyone who signed up as an exhibitor for his 2009 trade show if requested;
- 6. Delete all references to my client, my client's prior shows and any statistical analysis of prior attendees or exhibitors from your client's website or any other advertisements; and
- 7. Return all exhibitor and attendee lists from prior AASP/NJ shows to my client.

If we do not have agreement from your client to resolve this matter by July 7, 2008, we will attend to filing a preliminary injunction motion. Please advise whether you are authorized the accept service of the Complaint and Summons on behalf of your clients.

Philip Furgang, Esq. Page 3 June 27, 2008

This letter is written for settlement purposes, is inadmissible in evidence, and without prejudice to my client's rights, which are all specifically reserved.

Arthur M. Peslak

AMP/nbw

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Title

Title of Work: AUTOMOTIVE CONGRESS & TRADE SHOW 1990

Nature of Work: TEXT AND GRAPHICS

Completion/Publication

Year of Completion: 1989

Date of 1st Publication: May 15, 1989

Author: ROCKLAND EXPOSITION, INC.

Author Created: 2-Dimensional artwork, Map, Photograph, Technical Drawing, Text

Work made for hire:

Domiciled in: United States

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Title

Title of Work: NORTHEAST 97 REGIONAL

Nature of Work: TEXT AND GRAPHICS

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Year of Completion: 1996

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